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Boden is player of the year

Ken Boden, the 28-year-old English striker of Newcastle KB United, is the Yugoslav Airlines — "Soccer Action" Player of the Year.

He wins a return trip for two to Europe, flying Yugoslav Airlines.

Boden also finished the season as the league's joint top scorer. He and Clive Eaton of Western Suburbs scored 14 goals each.

Boden was given a rating of nine out of 10 for his performance in Newcastle's 1-0 victory over Marconi at the International Sports Centre last Saturday.

That brought his average to 7.8 over the 24 matches in which he has played.

Runner-up was Brisbane City centre back Steve Perry who finished with an average of 7.76. Third with 7.7 was West

Adelaide Hellas midfielder Neil McGachey.

Both Perry and McGachey were given eight-point ratings for their performances in the last round.

Ken Boden, who works as a car salesman for Bill Knibb Motor Market in Newcastle, came to Australia early this year.

Born in Rotherham, he played for Sheffield United, Matlock Town, Scunthorpe, Bridlington, Brigg Town, Hull City and Doncaster Rovers in England.

From 1965 to 1977 he scored an average of 15 goals a season.

He was voted Player of the Year at Matlock Town and Bridlington, with whom he won the Yorkshire League Cup.

Although Bobby Charlton was the major attraction at the Newcastle v Marconi game last Saturday, it was Boden who proved the most dangerous man on the field.

Writing about the match, "Soccer Action's" Joe Lanzoni says: "Boden, who must be the PSL 'find' of the season, gave a masterly display by time and again beating his man, drawing another and slipping a timely pass to an unmarked colleague. His best effort came in the 78th minute when he broke through, beat four defenders and unleashed a powerful right-foot drive from the edge of the penalty area, only to see it rebound off the upright".

Boden is also in the running for the Australian Soccer Press Association Player of the Year award.

Significantly, this award was won last year by Marconi's Jimmy Rooney who, like Boden, had earlier won the Yugoslav Airlines — "Soccer Action" award.

Final standings of the leaders in the Yugoslav Airlines — "Soccer Action" award:

1. KEN BODEN (Newcastle) — 7.8 average over 24 games. Breakdown: two 6s, seven 7s, eleven 8s, six 9s.
2. STEVE PERRY (Brisbane City) — 7.76 average over 25 games. Breakdown: three 6s, eight 7s, seven 8s, six 9s, one 10.
3. NEIL MCGACHEY (West Adelaide Hellas) — 7.7 average over 26 games. Breakdown: two 6s, nine 7s, ten 8s, five 9s.
4. ZDRAVKO LUJIC (Footscray J.U.S.T.) — 7.65 average over 23 games. Breakdown: five 6s, four 7s, eight 8s, six 9s.
5. ROBERTO VIERI (Marconi) — 7.62 average over 24 games. Breakdown: three 6s, nine 7s, seven 8s, four 9s, one 10.
6. CON KAMPAS (West Adelaide Hellas) — 7.6 average over 20 games. Breakdown: three 6s, eight 7s, three 8s, six 9s.

Scorers' battle will continue

The Konstantine Jewel Box award for the top scorer in the Phillips League has been extended into the Phillips Cup, to break the tie between Ken Boden (Newcastle) and Clive Eaton (Western Suburbs).

Boden and Eaton finished the league series with 14 goals each.

However, counting Cup games, Eaton has 16 goals and Boden 15.

Eaton scored in the first round against Sutherland

and in the second round against St. George.

Boden scored in the second round against Sydney Croatia.

The battle of the strikers may be decided when Newcastle and Wests meet in their Cup quarter final in Newcastle on Sunday.

If they are level after that game, penalty goals will be subtracted and the award will go to the player who has scored most regular goals.

And now — an honor for Adam?



● Jubilant Greek supporters carry West Adelaide defender Con Kampas from the field on their shoulders. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

Former Australian international Jim Adam is hot favorite for the Coach of the Year award after capping a colorful career by leading West Adelaide Hel-

las to the Phillips League championship.

The Coach of the Year will be named at the Australian Soccer Press Association presentation night at the Wentworth Hotel in Sydney on October 12.

Jim Adam took over from John Margaritis as coach of West Adelaide in the 11th round.

West Adelaide won seven games in a row under Adam before having its run interrupted by a loss to Brisbane Lions in Brisbane.

In the remaining eight games, West lost only once —

to league runner-up Hakoah.

Last Sunday, Adam's men clinched the title by drawing 1-1 with Adelaide City Juventus in front of more than 1,000 people at the Olympic Sports Field.

Vic Bozanic scored the equalising goal only five minutes from the end, after John Perin had put Juventus into the lead.

Adam coached Fitzroy Alexander until the seventh round of the 1977 season, when he quit.

He has also coached Melbourne, George Cross, Croatia, Macedonia and Hakoah in the Stage League.

He had 10 years as a professional player with Aston Villa, Stoke City, Luton Town and Falkirk before coming to Australia to play for South Melbourne Hellas.

He represented Australia in 1964 and was assistant national coach in 1967. He also played four games for Victoria and was State coach in 1967.

Key men in West Adelaide's surge to the title were midfielders Neil McGachey and Peter Boyle, centre backs David Jones and Con Kampas and goalkeeper Martyn Crook.

Goalscorers: 7. Ian McGregor; 5. Graham Honeyman; 4. McGachey, Boyle, Graeme Morris, Jones, Vic Bozanic; 2. Kampas; 1. Eric Carruthers, Peter Tymczyszyn and Barry Revnolds.

Maltese giants clash

Calling all the Maltese people of Melbourne — especially the 18,000 who live in St. Albans ...

An attraction that occurs only twice a year will be presented for them at Green Gully Reserve in St. Albans on Sunday.

It is the clash between Ajax and George Cross — the two Maltese clubs of the Victorian State League.

Officials and players of both clubs have called on all the Maltese people of St. Albans and surrounding districts to attend the big match and show that the Maltese clubs are among the strongest in Victoria.

Last time the clubs met, Ajax won 5-0. "Soccer Action" asked former Victorian State player Tony Vella, who has coached

both Ajax and George Cross, how he thinks the game will go this time.

"As far as George Cross is concerned, this will be their most important match of the year, because their pride was hurt badly last time," he said.

"Coach John Sanchez will really have his players revved up. They want revenge."

"However, Ajax showed their class in that big victory and are talented enough to win again — although not by as big a margin. It will be a hell of a game."

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Superstars coming

Colin Bell, Pierino Prati and George Armstrong are reported to be joining Brisbane City.

Bell, one of the finest players Manchester City has had, made 48 international appearances for England. Prati is one of the all-time greats of AC Milan and Armstrong played about 600 games for Arsenal — more than any other player in the club's history.

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HILTON SILVA MAKES BID FOR



Silva in action — tongue between teeth for concentration.

Hilton Silva may be Brazil's loss but he is certainly Australia's gain — if Rudi Gutendorf so decides.

Soon, Gutendorf will start stocktaking the talent available to him for an assault on the 1982 World Cup and many of our professional and armchair experts are convinced that, in selecting his left winger, the new national coach has no choice at all.

The favorite of fans for the position is an olive-skinned, fleet-footed, long-haired Carioca — Adailton da Silva of Eastern Suburbs Hakoah.

Or, to give him his Australian soccer "identity", Hilton Silva.

His is a story of ups and downs, good fortune and hard luck.

However, it is indisputable that the doyen of the Hakoah squad is playing at his peak at the age of 27 — or 29, depending on which document you believe.

And, thereby, hangs a tale which began on the beaches

of Rio, the most famous hotbed of natural soccer talent in the world.

It was in the shadow of Sugarloaf Mountain that Hilton picked up some of the basic skills which saw him become a full-time soccer player at the tender age of 14, when he joined the junior squad of Flamengo.

After two and a half years, Silva moved on to another famous Brazilian club, America, where he remained for eight months.

However, during that brief stay, he achieved what millions of Brazilian youngsters only dream about — he made his first grade debut.

After eight matches in the First Division, Silva moved again — this time to yet another world-famous club, Vasco da Gama.

There he remained, a regular and valued member of the senior squad with a total of 16 First Division appearances to his credit, until departing for the new

horizons of Sydney, Australia.

Why did he leave the heady atmosphere of one of the world's best-known competitions for the relative obscurity of the NSW State League?

"At that time, it was a big thing for a young bloke to be able to see the world and play football overseas," he said this week.

"I was restless, looking for excitement and a chance to earn hard dollars."

So, at the tender age of 19, he listened to Hakoah's recruiting agents in Rio, and accepted an offer for a three-month trial with the Blues, ready to stay for a year if a contract was signed.

The only thing in the way of young Silva embarking on what he planned to be a 12-month adventure, was a rule of the Brazilian Confederation of Sport, which would have prevented him from signing for a foreign club until the age of 21.

"Simple! We just claimed I was two years older than I really was, when I applied for my papers," Hilton remembered. Thus, he is listed as a 29-year-old in his passport, when in actuality he is only 27.

Maybe the truth will prevail when he receives his Australian passport, because

after almost eight years in this country, Silva is applying for naturalisation this week!

But, a lot happened to change his life in the intervening years.

After a brilliant debut with Hakoah, he continued to enchant Sydney soccer fans for several months — until the dark day in June 1971, when South Coast United full-back Tuckerman broke Silva's leg with a tackle at Woonona.

"Until then, I had really enjoyed my time in Australia but I was shocked by the fact that no-one outside Hakoah seemed to be concerned with my misfortune."

"Referee Tony Boskovic didn't want to believe that I was in real trouble and as I lay on the pitch, he kept on insisting that I get up."

"As for Tuckerman, his only comment was that I am a young fellow, with plenty of time to recover later."

"Little did he realise that it would take me more than six years to get back to my best."

A fast bit of arithmetic will tell us that Silva's "best" is now — in 1978!

"This year, I am playing as well as ever — and still improving," he claimed.

Who was the greatest influence in inspiring his brilliant comeback?

Silva does not hesitate for a moment.

"It was Gerry Chaldi; he made me come out of my shell, helped me a lot in training — and most important — by the way he talked to me."

"Gerry was the one who, after taking over as Hakoah's coach in July 1976, convinced me that my skills were still there, that it was up to me whether I reached my peak again."

"He also gave me confidence in his opinions by not hesitating to tell me very bluntly when I did something wrong. He analyses my game with me."

It was a rocky road to Silva's present candidacy for national honors.

"After my injury, I went home to Rio for eight months and got married to Leda, my sweetheart since I was 13," he recalls.

In Brazil, I would have been finished as a soccer player. There, you break your leg and people write you off."

"Australia is a different environment; here you snap a bone or two — and three months later, they expect you back at training."

"I changed my ways here, my outlook on soccer."

Silva has some surprising things to say when comparing soccer on and off the field Australian and Brazilian-style.

He maintains that training in Australia places much greater physical demands on



● Hilton Silva (extreme right) as one of the budding young stars of Vasco da Gama.



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Marconi forward Peter Sharne (left) takes on Jim Kondarios of J.U.S.T. Sharne poses a big threat to South Melbourne.

Vieri, Barnes, the stars

Best performers in previous clashes (average ratings over games played):

STH. MELB. HELLAS v MARCONI
HELLAS: 7. Reliun (3 games), Lutton (2 games), 6.75 Hagepanoulis (4 games), 6.5 Kalafatis (4 games)
MARCONI: 9. Vieri (2 games), 8. Sharne (4 games)

WEST ADEL. HELLAS v HAKOAH
HELLAS: 7.5 Prskalio (4 games), 7.5 Rooney (4 games), 7.25 Maher (4 games), 7. Russell (4 games)
HAKOAH: 8.5 Barnes (4 games), 7.3 Thomson (3 games), 7. Reynolds (3 games), 6.75 McGregor (4 games), 6.5 Jones (4 games)

WEST ADEL. HELLAS v MARCONI
HELLAS: 8.5 Barnes (4 games), 7.3 Thomson (3 games), 7.25 Watson (4 games), 7. O'Connor (3 games), 7. Stevenson (4 games), 7. Smith (3 games)

The previous clashes

Hakoah v West Ad.

1976

HAKOAH 1 (Lutton) WEST ADEL. HELLAS 1 (Farley o.g.) at Wentworth Park. Crowd 2000

Ratings by Tom Anderson:
HAKOAH: Farley 5, Kershaw 8, Robertson 7, O'Connor 7, Thomson 7, Stevenson 6, Barnes 8, Lutton 7, Watson 7, T. Smith 6, McGuinness 6 (Mullen half time), 6. Coach: Gerry Chaldi

W. ADEL. Service 7: Reynolds 8, Vagianos 7, Jones 7, Amos 6, McCachery 7, Pillans (McCulloch 20th min), 7, DeLyster 6 (Pantelis 8th), Kosmina 6, Honeymann 6, McGregor 6. Coach: Mike Johnson

WEST ADEL. HELLAS 1 (Krylikos) HAKOAH 3 (T. Smith, O'Connor, Barnes) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd 4600

Ratings by Mene Toutsidis:
W. ADEL. Crook 8, Koulianos 7 (Krylikos), Vagianos 7, Jones 7, Amos 6, McCachery 7, Pillans 6, Boyle 5, Zelvas 5, Kosmina 7, McGregor 6. Coach: Billy Birch

HAKOAH: Haynes 6, Mullen 7, Thomson 7, Robertson 7, Mowbray 7, Stevenson 7 (O'Connor), Barnes 8, Lutton 6 (McGuinness), Watson 7, T. Smith 7, Silva 7. Coach: Gerry Chaldi

1977

WEST ADEL. HELLAS 3 (Bozanic, McGregor) HAKOAH 2 (Barnes 2) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd 5341

Rates by Frank Pangalos:
WEST ADEL. Crook 7, Reynolds 7, Vagianos 4 (Norris 3, 41st min.), Jones 6, Tymczyszyn 7, McCachery 9, Boyle 6, Bozanic 8, Honeymann 7, Pillans 7, McGregor 8. Coach: Neil McCachery

HAKOAH: Clarke 7, Souness 6, O'Connor 6, Mowbray 6, Il-lingworth 6, Stevenson 7, DeMelo 4 (Campbell 61st), R. Smith 8, Watson 9, T. Smith 8, Silva 8. Coach: Gerry Chaldi

HAKOAH 2 (T. Smith, Silva) WEST ADEL. HELLAS 1 (Honeymann) at Wentworth Park, double header, crowd 4102

Ratings by Peter Barnes:
HAKOAH: Clarke 8, Mullen 7, Thomson 8, O'Connor 8, Mowbray 7, Stevenson 8, Souness 7, Barnes 9, Watson 9, T. Smith 8, Silva 8 (Campbell 69th). Coach: Gerry Chaldi

W. ADEL. Crook 7, Reynolds 6, Jones 6, Tymczyszyn 6, Batchelor 5 (Zervas 73rd), McCachery 7, Boyle 6, Bozanic 6, Norris 7, Honeymann 6, McGregor 7. Coach: Jim Adam

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Sth. Melb. v Marconi

1976

MARCONI 3 (Sharne 2, Mariani) STH. MELB. HELLAS 0 at Sydney Sports Ground. Crowd: 1800

Ratings by Tom Anderson:
MARCONI: Maher 7, Robertson 7, Prskalio 7, Russell 7, Degney 7, Richards 9, Rooney 9, Byrne 8, Campbell 8, (Carrizo 68th), Honeymann 8, Sharne 9. Coach: Rale Rasic

STH. MELB. HELLAS: Relly 8, Jones 8, Xanthopoulos 5 (Bozakis 20th), Kalafatis 5, Hagepanoulis 5, Dossan 5, Gibson 5, Gardiner 5, Daperis 5, Ollerton 6, French 6

Coach: Rale Rasic

STH. MELB. HELLAS 1 (Mitten) MARCONI 2 (Richards, Honeymann) at Middle Park. Crowd 3000

Ratings by Laurie Schwab:
STH. MELB. HELLAS: Relly 6, Pye 8, Xanthopoulos 7, Kalafatis 7, Hagepanoulis 7, Daperis 7 (sent off 77th), Alexiou 6, Gardiner 6, Mitten 7 (French 86th), Ollerton 7, Kent 8. Coach: Dave MacLaren

MARCONI: Maher 7, Prskalio 8, Jones 8, Russell 8, Richards 8, Degney 6, Rooney 8, Vieri 10, Jankovic 7, Mariani 7, Sharne 9. Coach: Rale Rasic

1977

STH. MELB. HELLAS 0 MARCONI 3 (Sharne, Vieri pen, Jankovic) at Middle Park. Crowd: 1728

Ratings by Laurie Schwab:
STH. MELB. HELLAS: Hansen 7, Pye 5, Kalafatis 7, Baxter 6, Hagepanoulis 8, Lutton 7, Wright 8, Rogers 6, Cummings 7, Ollerton 7, Kent 8. Coach: Dave MacLaren

MARCONI: Maher 8, Prskalio 8, Jones 8, Russell 8, Richards 8, Degney 6, Rooney 8, Vieri 10, Jankovic 7, Mariani 7, Sharne 9. Coach: Rale Rasic

MARCONI 1 (Vieri pen) STH. MELB. HELLAS 1 (Evans) at Marconi Oval. Crowd 5813

Ratings by Alex Vasic:
MARCONI: Maher 8, Selvaage 8, Russell 7, Prskalio 8, Degney 7, Jankovic 6, Vieri 8, Rooney 8, Mariani 6, Ollerton 6, Sharne 7. Coach: Rale Rasic

STH. MELB. HELLAS: Relly 9, Kalafatis 7, Munro 8, Baxter 8, Hagepanoulis 7, Christopoulos 6, Wright 6 (Pye 75th), Rogers 6 (Lutton 7), Cummings 6, Evans 8, Campbell 6. Coach: Dave MacLaren

Past results make Hakoah and Marconi the favorites in the first semi-finals of the Philips League top four series to be played in Adelaide and Melbourne on Sunday.

Hakoah meets West Adelaide Hellas at Hindmarsh Stadium and Marconi takes on South Melbourne Hellas at Middle Park.

Since the start of the Philips League, Hakoah has beaten West Adelaide twice, drawn once and lost one for a goal tally of 8:6.

Marconi has beaten South Melbourne three times and drawn the other game, scoring nine goals to two.

The outstanding player for Hakoah in games against West Adelaide has been goalscoring midfielder Murray Barnes, who has played in all four matches.

Neil McGachery, the West Adelaide midfielder, has always posed the biggest threat to Hakoah.

South Melbourne's main

tormentors have been Marconi midfielder Robert Vieri, who played only in the two games this season, and forward Peter Sharne, who has played in all four games.

The most interesting aspect of the Marconi v South Melbourne game will be the performance of Marconi striker Peter Ollerton, bought from South Melbourne for \$15,000 10 weeks ago — providing coach Rale Rasic selects him.

Ollerton scored seven goals for South Melbourne before the transfer, but managed only two for Marconi up to last weekend's round.

Ollerton left South Melbourne because of clashes with coach Dave MacLaren. The big striker will be confronted on Sunday by Hellas' experienced centre back Frank Munro and probably Chris Kalafatis who is likely to take the place of injured Stuart Baxter in defence.

The other decisive duel will be between Sharne and Mike Pye. Sharne has always had the measure of Pye, especially in the match Marconi won 3-0 at Middle Park early this season.

But the most important battle will be in midfield, where the Marconi combination of Roberto Vieri, Jimmy Rooney and Mark Jankovic will be confronted by Hellas' trio of Domingo, Ielmo and Billy Rogers.

Although Ivo Prskalio has

Stars on sign again

John Stevenson and Joe Watson have signed new three-year contracts with Hakoah-Easts.

The club has also offered a lucrative three-year contract to centre back Eddie Thomson, but he has business interests in Scotland and has not made up his mind whether or not to stay.

THE GREEN AND GOLD

Naturalisation puts him in line for Gutendorf's squad

players than in the "old country."

"We do much more running here and, luckily, running is something I have always enjoyed."

"By contrast, Brazilian soccer players train for longer hours but, at least in my days back in Rio, most of it was low intensity ball work, with hardly any hard running."

"From what we saw of the World Cup on television, I suppose, all that is changing now."

So, Hilton Silva returned to Hakoah, ready to resume where he left off before his injury, but he had not foreseen the hard road ahead of him.

David MacLaren, who took over coaching from Charlie Fleming ("a great guy, good coach who always encouraged me, but I never understood a word he was saying in his thick Scottish accent"), did not perceive the same potential in Hilton as did Hakoah's officials.

"I don't think David liked the Brazilian style of play, he preferred the Scottish way," Silva says.

"For several seasons, I was

playing most of my football in the reserves and I know he tried to sell both Agenor Muniz and me."

In fairness, Silva pointed out that MacLaren never saw him at his best, before breaking his leg.

"Everybody kept telling David how terrific I was but he only saw a player trying to come back from a bad injury."

However, Silva carries another thorn from the MacLaren era at Hakoah.

"To play well, a footballer must trust his coach, feel some mutual care, and be able to enjoy the companionship."

"Under David, there were problems, with a split between the Scots in the team on one side and the rest on the other."

"This does not exist any more. Now, we are one good, happy crowd and Gerry Chaldi must take the credit for this."

Silva claimed that the Israeli image as a gentle, quiet man is misleading.

"Gerry just looks gentle, but in reality he is very, very

hard and a firm disciplinarian."

"However, he doesn't call you names, shows respect to all his players and is, in turn, trusted by them."

"For Gerry, all of us do whatever is asked of us."

Silva, in his own mind, is convinced that in Brazil, he would have become established first division player, but acknowledges that superstar status was not within his reach.

"This influenced me in making my home in Sydney. Here, I am not just one of the thousands of players running around the country."

"There is also a hard material logic behind my decision to stay here."

"While soccer is king in Brazil, at my peak back there, I would not have been able to achieve a standard of living for my family comparable with what I have here."

"This will be the big problem in introducing full-time professionalism in Australia. You do too well with part-time soccer earnings, and the salary from your outside job, are combined."

As for the club which made

this material prosperity and contentment possible, Silva is adamant that "Hakoah is the best club in Australia to play for."

"This applies to the club in every respect, not just the money they pay the players," he says.

"Hakoah has always been like a big family, and whenever we have had a few over the years — there was always someone in the club — whether the late Tibor Kalman, Andrew Lederer, officials or fans — to help me."

With the current season drawing to a close, Hilton Silva, wife Leda and their daughter Cassandra are looking forward to a visit to their families in Brazil during the off-season.

But the thought uppermost in Hilton's mind is the determined challenge he is going to throw out for the number eleven shirt in the Soccerco squad next year.

"I feel I am still improving my game and I want to get into the national team," he says.

"To play for his country one day is the goal of every footballer, and I'm no different in this respect."

"It is the only thing I haven't achieved yet in my playing career."

So, as Hilton, Leda and Cassandra sun themselves on the smooth golden sand of Copacabana during the summer months, the likeable and

immensely skilful winger — one of the true gentlemen of Aussie soccer — may be forgiven for thinking of what might have been.

Instead of the gold shirt of Brazil, which he dreamt of with all the other little boys of Rio, he may end up wearing the gold shirt of Australia.

If you are tempted to believe that there is a certain tinge of regret in his daydreaming, next time you see Hilton Silva, ask him.

He'll soon set you straight!



Silva (left) and his coach Gerry Chaldi, who helped the Brazilian wizard come back after a broken leg.



● The first days in Australia . . . Hakoah's batch of Brazilian imports (from right) Silva, George Rianelli (later with Prague), Lucio Lopes (who is still playing in Whyalla, South Australia), Agenor Muniz (now with Adelaide City) and goalie Edson Cardoso, who was injured soon after arrival and dropped out of soccer.

HAKOAH TIPS — SO FAR

always managed to frustrate the Hellas forwards, he will find it difficult this time to control former Liverpool forward Alun Evans, supported by Duncan Cummings and perhaps Billy Bergmann.

Bergmann, who scored 32 goals for Swedish fourth division club Horby last season, has overcome an injury suffered at training and hopes to play in the big match.

Fans are hoping for their first look at Bergmann, and they are also hoping to see Marconi's Iselamo, who was bought a few weeks ago from Argentinian First Division club Huracan.

In Adelaide on Sunday, West Adelaide will try to show that its 1-2 loss to Hakoah in their second round match was not a true indication of form.

After all, West Adelaide played without sweeper Con Kampas and striker Dave Pillans in that match.

It's interesting to note that West Adelaide's Graham Honeyman and Graeme Norris are former Hakoah players.

Honeyman scored nine goals for Hakoah in the NSW State League in 1976 and scored three times for West

Adelaide last year after transferring.

Norris, who scored nine goals for Western Suburbs last year, transferred briefly to Hakoah early this season. Hakoah then bought Ernie Campbell from Marconi, thus eliminating the need for Norris who was therefore passed on to West Adelaide.

Norris is a hard-fighting, tough-as-nails warrior who has been suspended more than once. If the Hakoah defenders become too preoccupied with Norris, they may leave gaps for speedy Ian McGregor, giant Dave Pillans and the midfielders who storm through from deep positions.

Like West Adelaide, Hakoah is not limited in the number of players who can score goals. Joe Watson, Terry Smith and Hilton Silva form a potent front line, supported by big Murray Barnes and John Stevenson, who have scored eight goals between them this year and, of course, little Ian Souness, who also likes a crack at goal.

If both teams worry more about scoring goals than preventing them, this game should be classic.

How it works

The winner of the West Adelaide Hellas v Hakoah-Eastas match will qualify for the Philips League final.

The loser will play the winner of the South Melbourne Hellas v Marconi match for the other place in the final.

The loser of the South Melbourne Hellas v Marconi game will be eliminated.

The next round of the finals is on September 10. Venues will be chosen according to which teams take part.



Marconi's Jimmy Rooney (left) and South Melbourne's Mike Pye — they'll clash on Sunday.



West Adelaide's three strikers — Graeme Norris (left), Ian McGregor (on ground) and Dave Pillans, outnumber Stuart Baxter (right) of South Melbourne.

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Former national captain John Warren

ACT 'starlets' go into camp

Forty five of the best young players in the ACT registered for Canberra City's first professional coaching school last week.

The school, run along similar lines to those Rale Rasic and I organised nationally, is the first of many planned by City in the future. The current week-long camp is the forerunner to a summer school, one at Christmas and one at the beginning of the 1979 season. Assisting me with the school, which is backed by Canberra City is Vic Fernandez and local international product Johnny Davies. Guest appearances will be made by Canberra City players, including schoolboy internationals Danny Moulis and Mike Milovanovic, who have both recently returned from touring the United States with the Australian schoolboys team.

The mood in Canberra is much brighter and enthusiastic following the opening of the club's new premises in East Row, Civic last week by the club's patron, Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser. The new club is three times bigger than previous rooms, ideal for much bigger social functions. The club's ten poker machines will be supplemented by another ten due to arrive early in October. Club officials estimate that the club will be self supportive within the next six months.

The season is far from over for City with an active program for the team and its supporters in September.

By that time City will be back to full strength — Moulis and Milovanovic back from the United States, Brown's arm out of plaster, Salgado out of hospital and Davies fully recovered from his back injury.

On September 10, City meets leading ACT State League side Croatia Deakin, on September 17, Newcastle KB and City play for the Prime Ministers Cup at Bruce, and on the 24th, City meets Fitzroy in the quarter finals of the PSL Cup — also at Bruce Stadium.

City vice president, Charles Perkins, currently on a world tour for the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, spent several days with City's guest star and current Motherwell forward Peter Marinello. Marinello is unhappy with Motherwell and has been placed on the transfer list at his own request.

Motherwell reportedly refused £80,000 from Celtic for Marinello and even though he would love to return to City next year, it appears as though at that price he is well beyond City's reach — or any other PSL club for that matter.

SAINTS MISS PLAYOFF

By ALEX VESIC

St George outplayed Wests in all departments for most of the game to score a narrow win at Barton Park, before a small crowd of only 1025.

The score does not reflect the true superiority of the home team. With the exception of the first 25 minutes, Wests never seriously threatened Martin Coe's goal, while St George forwards missed chances galore.

St George took time to assert its superiority, which allowed Wests to create a few chances during the first half hour. Clive Eaton missed three golden opportunities. One goal would've given him the tag of top scorer in the Philips League for this season.

In the seventh minute, Michael O'Shea, the St George full back, attempted a back pass to his goalkeeper. O'Shea lobbed the ball into the area, but it fell short of Coe, and Clive Eaton raced in to head the ball over the goalkeeper's head, but past the left upright.

Nine minutes later, St George raced into the lead with a well-taken goal by Doug Utjesenovic.

Phil O'Connor took the corner kick from the left hand side, sending the ball to the far post and away from Terry Eaton's reach.

Neville Morgan headed the ball towards the unmarked Utjesenovic, who had no trouble slapping the ball high into the roof of the net from close range.

In the 23rd minute Clive Eaton had his second chance to score. Andy Scott managed to beat a defender and send a good low cross to Eaton. But the bearded striker failed to control the ball, which ran to Vernon some seven metres from goal. He hesitated then sent a weak shot which didn't trouble Coe.

Only a minute later, Vernon had a great scoring opportunity when he found himself with the ball at his feet in space, but he shot straight at Ralph Coates, with the ball rebounding over the line for a corner.

O'Connor found Morgan with

The last chance that fell to Western Suburbs came to the luckless Clive Eaton. He managed to go past Emery Holmik on the edge of St George's penalty area, but faced by Coe and an open goal, shot past the upright.

St George could have been two up, had Peter Hensman scored. O'Connor beat Skellern for the ball then crossed for Hensman to race in. But he missed the rising ball, which went inches from the goal.

In the last minute of the first half, St George could have added two more goals to its tally.

After a corner by O'Connor, Utjesenovic and Neville Morgan could not make up their minds who should put the ball into the net, leaving it for Wests defence to push the ball away for another corner.

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IN ADELAIDE

Semi final: West Adelaide Hellas v Hakoah-Easts at Hindmarsh Stadium, 3 pm Sunday.

IN NEWCASTLE

Philips Cup quarter final: Newcastle KB Utd v Western Suburbs, International Sports Centre, 3 pm Sunday.

Masson moves

LONDON, Scottish midfielder Don Masson has returned to Notts County, where he played from 1968 to 1975.

Notts manager Jimmy Sirrel signed Masson for 30,000 sterling (\$50,000 Aust dollars).

Masson, 31, has come full circle after leaving Notts County for Queens Park Rangers in 1974, and moving on to Derby County last year.

Previously he had played for Middlesbrough.

STANDINGS

	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	G	P
W. ADEL. HELLAS	9	1	3	24	14	7	3	3	18	13	42:27	36
HAKOAH-EASTS	7	2	3	27	10	8	3	3	26	17	49:27	35
S. HELD. HELLAS	7	3	3	26	12	5	5	3	19	18	45:30	32
MARCONI	8	3	2	30	14	4	3	6	16	17	46:31	30

	HOME	AWAY
Fitzroy Alexander	5 3 5 17 15	4 5 4 22 24 39:39 26
Brisbane Lions	4 6 3 16 15	4 4 5 21 24 37:39 26
St. George	7 1 5 20 17	4 2 7 21 23 41:40 25
Sydney Olympic	3 3 8 17 26	6 4 2 18 17 35:43 25
Western Suburbs	6 4 3 25 18	3 2 8 16 27 41:45 24
Adel. Juventus	5 2 4 18 12	4 4 7 20 32 38:44 24
Newcastle KB	3 6 4 19 20	3 4 6 14 20 33:40 22
Footscray JUST	2 3 8 17 21	5 5 3 12 16 29:37 22
Canberra City	2 8 3 19 20	3 2 8 9 21 28:41 20
Brisbane City	4 2 7 15 22	3 1 9 14 27 29:49 17

Philips League team of week

In brackets: No. of appearances in this team —

UTJESENOVIC (3)	MARSHALL (2)	LISTER (2)	RATCLIFFE (1)	MOWBRAY (3)
(St Geo)	(Ad Juve)	(Ad Juve)	(Bris City)	(ES Hak)
RISTIC (1)	MUNIZ (2)	BOZANIC (1)		
(JUST)	(Ad Juve)	(WA Hellas)		
WATSON (4)	BODEN (7)	LUJIC (9)		
(ES Hak)	(Nowc)	(JUST)		

Standings for the Konstantine Jewel Box top scorer's award (full list published next week):

14. Boden (Newc) & C. Eaton (West Sub.) tied.
12. J. Campbell (Alex.)
11. O'Connor (St Geo.), Vieri (Marc.), Cole (Alex.)
10. Cumming (SM-Hellas)
9. Fisher (West Sub.), Jankovic, Ollerton (Marc.), Grujic, T. Byrne (Can.), Hughes (Lions).
8. E. Campbell, Silva (Hak).

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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

CANBERRA 0 STH MELB HELLAS 3 (Cummings 2, Lutton) at Bruce Stadium, Crowd 4200.

Ratings by Peter Windsor.

CANBERRA: Tilsed 6; Hogg 6, Starke 7, Henderson 7, Kawalewa 8; Stoddart 9, Davies 6 (Lustica 70th), Cant 6; Grujic 7, Heywood 7, Byrne 6.

STH MELB: Hansen 9; Pye 7, Munro 7, Kalafatis 7, Hagegmanouli 7; Lutton 7, Wright 7, Rogers 8; Cummings 8, Evans 8, Bergmann 7.

WEST ADELAIDE 1 (Bozanic) ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 (Perin) at Hindmarsh Stadium, Crowd 18,251.

Players ratings by Meno Toutasidis.

HELLAS: Crook 8, Reynolds 7, Bozanic 9, McGachey 8, Kampas 8, Jones 8, Boyle 8, Pillans 8, Norris 7, Honeyman 7, McGregor 8 (Tymczyszyn 6).

JUVENTUS: Marshall 9, B. Nyakohus 8, Yung 7, Besir 8, Lister 8, Perin 9, Marocchi 7, (Matic 8), Deans 8, Muniz 9, J. Nyakohus 8, Northcole 8.

FITZROY ALEXANDER 0 FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 1 (Lujic 18th) at Olympic Park, crowd about 4000.

Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

ALEXANDER: Merner 7; McMillan 8, O'Reilly 7, Bannon 7, Tansey 8; Selemidis 6, Taylor 7, Campbell 7; Bozicas 5, Cole 7, Buljevic 5 (Micevski 70th).

J.U.S.T.: Boland 8; Hazabent 8, Kondarios 7, Kriaris 7, Kazi 8; Ristic 9, Rujovic 7, Picione 7, Iloski 7; Ristovski 6 (Nicolaidis 75th), Lujic 9.

HAKOAH 2 (Smith, Barnes), OLYMPIC 0 at Wentworth Park, Sydney.

Crowd: 3530.

Ratings by Peter Scott.

HAKOAH: Clarke 8, Mullen 7, Thomson 7, O'Connor 8, Mowbray 8, Stevenson 8, Souness 7, Barnes 8, Watson 8, Smith 7, Silva 7.

OLYMPIC: Meier 7, Palmer 6, Bell 8, Wilson 7, Luckett 6, Cross 7, Jamieson 7, G. Allan 6, Laing 7, McIntosh 7, Ainalte 7 (D. Allan 78th min.).

ST GEORGE 1 (Utejesenovic) WESTERN SUBURBS 0 at Barton Park, Sydney, Crowd 1025.

Ratings by Alex Vesic:

ST GEORGE: Coe 7, Utejesenovic 9, Terry 7, Holmirk 7, M. O'Shea 7, Costes 9, J. O'Shea 8, Barton 7, Morgan 7, O'Connor 7, Hensman 7.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Terry Eaton 8, Skellern 6, Wilson 8, Turnbull 7, Rowden 8, Stone 8, Harding 8, O'Donnell 7, Eaton 8, Vernon 8, Scott 7.

NEWCASTLE KB UTD 1 (Endacott) MARCONI 0 at International Sports Field, Newcastle, Crowd, 16,614.

Ratings by Joe Lanzoni.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 8, Willis 6, Summerscales 7, Drinkwater 7, Curran 7, Mason 7, Charlton 8, Endacott 8, Tredennick 7, Boden 9, Galpin 7.

MARCONI: Maher 7, Jones 7, Russell 7, Praskalo 7, Degney 8, Selvaige 6, Rooney 8, Vieri 8, Berry 7, Ollerton 7, Mariani 7.

BRISBANE CITY: 2 (Caldwell, Kelso) BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Hughes) at Perry Park, Brisbane, Crowd, 4500.

Ratings by Bruce Waddell.

LIONS: Lownds 6, Potter 6, Hermiston 6, Wilson 8, Niven 7, Neale 6, Amos 8, Hughes 6, Laszlo 5 (Spearritt 45th, 6), Fairbrother 6, Ontong 6.

CITY — Wishart 7, Rathmell 6, Perry 8, Ratcliffe 8, Kibbey 7, Coyne 7, Gaffney 6, Echeverria 6, Conner 6, Kelso 8, Caldwell 6.

Leading averages after final round (full list next week):

7.8 Boden (Newc)

7.76 Perry (Br. C.)

7.7 McGachey (W.A.-Hellas).

7.65 Lujic (J.U.S.T.).

7.52 Vieri (Marc).

7.6 Kampas (WA-Hellas)

7.5 Boyle (WA-Hellas), Rooney (Marc), Henderson (Can).

7.4 Jones (WA-Hellas), Summerscales (Newc), Starke (Can).

7.3 J. Nyakohus, B. Nyakohus, Northcole (Adel Juve), Mullen (Hak), Praskalo, Degney, Sharne (Marc), Lutton (SM-Hellas), O'Connor (St G), Hermiston (Br. Lions).

7.2 Wilson (West Sub), Crook (WA-Hellas), Baxter (SM-Hellas), Meier (Oly), Kondarios (JUST), Tilsed (Can), Buljevic (Alex).

7.1 Stone (West Sub), Ainalte (Oly), Clarke, Barnes (Hak), Curran (Newc), Tansey (Alex), Rujovic (JUST), T. Byrne (Can), Lownds (Br. Lions).

Let's have justice, says Hakoah

By PETER SCOTT

"We want a fair go!" is the cry around the Hakoah camp following surrender of the Philips League championship title to West Adelaide Hellas last weekend.

This year's champions are tried by what seems to be a policy of the league management, virtually excluding them from home surroundings for the remaining Top Four play-offs and Philips Cup matches.

Although it seems too late to change the venue of Sunday's semi-final against champions West Adelaide away from the South Australian capital, it did not stop Hakoah coach Gerry Chaldi from being harshly critical of the task being set for his team.

He also issued a strong demand for the match to be played at Olympic Field, rather than West Adelaide's home surroundings at Hindmarsh Stadium.

"This is the least the PSL can do for us," Chaldi said, after expressing his disappointment that the fairness and credibility of the new competition wasn't preserved by drawing lots for home advantage in the two semi-final matches.

Why should Hakoah and Marconi automatically be handicapped by the league? he asked.



Olympic O. Hakoah 1

Chaldi was also late about Hakoah having to play its next Philips Cup match, against Brisbane City, in Brisbane.

"There can be no justification for scheduling this match in Brisbane," he claimed.

"City are the bottom team in the league and are drawing the second smallest home crowds in the league. In addition, this will be the second time in three rounds of the Cup that we have to travel to Brisbane, while none of our teams had to play outside Brisbane to date."

"Why was the previous practice of drawing lots for the home advantage discontinued on this occasion?" he demanded to know.

Chaldi's comments were supported by Hakoah president Frank Lowy, who said his club will "insist that our supporters be given opportunities to see the team at home again this season".

To put the Hakoah coach's comments into their proper perspective, it must be pointed out they were made before last

weekend's matches which saw the Blues record an easy 2-0 win over Sydney Olympic, but saw their rivals in West Adelaide snatch the title.

When the Adelaide score became known in Wentworth Park, Gerry Chaldi — although visibly distressed — paid generous tribute to his rival Jim Adam.

"I can only congratulate Jim for an excellent job with a team which finished at the top as a result of pure, 100 per cent effort. Jim is one of the nicest people in the game and deserves all the praise now coming his way," Chaldi said.

Little did Hakoah's players, officials, fans and well-wishers realise during the Olympic game that they came within four minutes of retaining the title won last year.

In the first half Olympic's Alan Analle went close to giving his side a shock lead with one of his left foot "specials" and Ian Souness was nearly in with a speculative 20 metre drive.

After the half-time break Hakoah still failed to get into its stride and Chaldi resorted to repeating a little ritual which has become commonplace in recent weeks.

First, big Mark Trenter was ordered off the substitutes' bench and told to start warming up.

Almost immediately Terry Smith, who had hardly caused a ripple until then, sprang to life to head in a cross from Joe Watson.

Trenter resumed his seat on the bench and Hakoah led 1-0. Significantly, the 61st minute goal came only minutes after Hakoah started to fully utilise its two devastating wingers, Watson and Hilton Silva.

When Murray Barnes chested down a pass from Mullen ten minutes later, took a couple of steps and, undisturbed by the napping defence, calmly lodged it in the back of Gary Meier's net, he only confirmed Hakoah's year-long superiority over Olympic.

In three league and cup fixtures Hakoah scored 11 goals against its former co-tenants at Wentworth Park — with none in return.

That just about sums up the story of this final encounter, too. All that remained was for the Hakoah coach to praise his squad for their tremendous home run in the second half of the championship.

Chaldi claimed Hakoah is playing the best football in the PSL — bar none.

Unfortunately, they paid the penalty for an indifferent start to the season.

The penalty is, incidentally, worth \$5000 — the bonus Hakoah's players were offered had they retained the title.

Perhaps this would have been avoided had their imports, Souness and Trenter, arrived a few weeks earlier. If prolific scorer Terry Smith hadn't had to spend two-thirds of the season trying to regain fitness from a series of ankle injuries — and if West Adelaide Hellas, a team made up mostly of players with what was thought to be limited potential, hadn't surprised all the doubters — this writer included.

In the final reckoning the new champions surprised us all with an unexpected amount of steely determination and are worthy champions for 1978.

Charlton's advice

"Bring more individualism back into the game and concentrate on giving skill to the youngsters."

That was the message from the great Bobby Charlton as he arrived from England last week to play guest games with Newcastle KB United.

The recent World Cup in Argentina clearly demonstrated this is the time to groom individual brilliance in our players.

England, for example, has gone as far as it can go with method and must now turn to skilled individuals to reach the top again.

"Coaches throughout the world must spread this teaching to the kids and concentrate on skills and make the youngsters enjoy their football once again."

"At the moment too much emphasis is placed on team drills and method and the kids are not enjoying it."

Newcastle wins for big crowd

By Joe Lanzoni

Newcastle KB United ended their initial year in the Philips League competition in a blaze of glory.

The guest appearance of former England and Manchester United star Bobby Charlton, coupled with the charisma that surrounds Rale Rale's Marconi team helped to attract a magnificent crowd of over 10,000 people who were treated to a great spectacle.

For the people that expressly came to see Charlton they certainly were not disappointed. He brought a roar from the crowd every time he touched the ball and his ability to anticipate moves and glide in for timely interceptions was not diminished over the years.

He also showed that he has lost none of his shooting power when in the 68th minute he beat a defender and from 25 metres hit the upright with a great right foot shot that would have had the crowd in a frenzy had it gone in.

But for all of Charlton's brilliance it was Ken Boden who once again proved to be the most difficult player to contain.

Boden, who must be the PSL find of the season, gave a masterly display by time and again beating his man, drawing another and slipping a timely pass to an unmarked colleague.

This best effort came in the 78th minute when he broke through beat four defenders and unleashed a powerful right foot drive from the edge of the penalty area only to see it rebound off the upright.

Marconi, forced to take the field without Peter Sharpe and Mark Jankovics, had plenty of the game but invariably failed to capitalise on good leads up and down the wing, over-elaborating in the penalty area and allowed the eager Newcastle defence to scramble away several difficult situations.

With the semi final coming up, Marconi desperately needed the brilliance of Sharpe in the forward line, to take advantage of the many good moves initiated by Jim Rooney and Roberto Vieri.

Vieri, in the game against Newcastle United last week, gave a great display of creative midfield



Newcastle 1 Marconi 0

play. Although his defensive work sometimes is criticised, he constantly makes up for it with his creativity and vision by initiating the majority of Marconi's attacking moves.

The game opened evenly with both defences on top of their respective opponents, and the only incident of note was a disallowed goal by Bill Summerville for an alleged infringement on Alan Maher.

The second half however saw Newcastle United going into attack from the start, which forced the Marconi defence to concede several corners.

It was from the seventh corner in the 58th minute that Newcastle United scored what proved to be the winning goal.

Peter Tredennick's corner kick from the left was headed to Neil Endacott with his back to the goal. He chested the ball and pivoted to give Alan Maher no chance for a great goal.

Endacott, who had a very ordinary first half, was inspired in the second half and possibly played his best game yet for Newcastle United.

The trust placed in him by Newcastle manager Alan Vee was certainly vindicated by that second half performance.

Endacott and Peter Tredennick who have improved tremendously during the season, have grasped their chances with both hands, and last week's game in the same team as the great Bobby Charlton must be the highlight of their short career so far.

This Sunday Newcastle United faces the challenge of Western Suburbs in the Philips Cup at the International Sports Centre, and in the exception of Bobby Charlton the team should be unchanged.

Western Suburbs, always an entertaining team to watch, should prove a stiff hurdle for the confident Newcastle outfit.

Fitzroy Alexander captain Pat Bannon will miss the Philips Cup quarter-final against Canberra City on September 24 because he was shown the yellow card at Olympic Park last Sunday.

By LAURIE SCHWAB



Alexander 0 JUST 1

Lujic would have scored again had it not been for good defending by Jim O'Reilly. Jim Kriaris went on a strong run through the middle and played a perfect through pass for Lujic running free.

Lujic looked set to strike as O'Reilly stormed in out of nowhere to rob Lujic of the ball.

Alexander came close to scoring in the 35th minute when a Branko Buljevic corner came to Jim Campbell in the middle as goalkeeper Dennis Boland missed it. However, Andy Kazi cleared Campbell's attempt off the line.

Alexander also came close in the second half.

Mike Micevski, who had replaced Buljevic, got into the area unmarked on a long ball but his shot was blocked well by Boland. Campbell, alone in the area, shot wide and then Campbell and Cole had shots blocked in a frenzy of activity.

Generally however, J.U.S.T. defended very soundly. Kondorovic everything in the air, Hazabent darted from one side to the other, virtually playing two full back positions because Kazi was following Buljevic, and Kriaris covered well and made some good runs forward.

Dennis Boland was back to his best in goal and Kriaris played with the poise, the confidence and of course the skill of a seasoned professional. He will definitely be one of J.U.S.T.'s key players next year.

Mirko Rujovic had a brilliant first half but an ordinary second half. Alexander's stars were the two full backs, Arthur McMillan and Jim Tansey.

McMillan was hard as nails in a predominantly defensive role, while Tansey beat his opponent Mendo Ristovski, and also attacked well down the flank.

Both clubs will now start planning for next season. John Margerita, coach of Alexander, will go overseas soon and while there he will be on the lookout for players.

J.U.S.T. is negotiating for players from England, Yugoslavia and local clubs.

It has to replace Kriaris who has retired, Mirko Rujovic and Andy Kazi who have talked about retiring and perhaps Joe Feltokas who has been mysteriously absent for so long.

It started with Bannon flooring Lujic who was getting away from him, heading into the penalty area. From the resulting free kick, Ristovski slammed the ball off the defensive wall for a corner. He took the corner himself and saw it headed out short by an Alexander defender. The loose ball went to Lujic who rammed it first-time through a gap into the net past helpless Jim Manner.



Jim Kriaris hangs up his boots and his No. 4 shirt. Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

KRIARIS TO COACH

Jim Kriaris, who retired at the weekend after 13 years of senior soccer, will now turn to coaching.

Kriaris will fly to Europe next March for coaching courses in West Germany or Holland.

Fitzroy Alexander president Jim Mangopoulos and Footcray JUST boss Tony Kovac each made a presentation to Kriaris before his last match on Sunday at Olympic Park.

Kriaris joined Alexander as a 13-year-old in 1961 and transferred to JUST in 1973.

After the game, he said: "I want to thank the JUST committee and players for the best five years of my soccer career, and I want to thank Cedo Ciricovic for bringing me to such a fine club."

"I also want to thank Alexander for the presentation that Jim Mangopoulos made to me. It was something I had not expected and I am deeply grateful."

"The best present the players could possibly have given me was our 1-0 victory."

"I thank JUST president Tony Kovac and wish him and the club the very best for the future."

"I also thank my wife Helen and the rest of my family for their support."

Staunch fans

Patrick Mangan, 14, made the 100-km journey from Ballarat to watch Footcray J.U.S.T. at Olympic Park and to meet the players.

Patrick's older brother John, 15, who goes to boarding school in Melbourne, came along.

Patrick had with him a booklet on J.U.S.T. and the Philips League. He and a friend, Mark Seymour, had compiled it.

In the J.U.S.T. rooms before the match, the players signed autographs for the boys and wished them well.

Kelso's winner

By Bruce Waddell

Brisbane City waited virtually until the last minute of the competition to break through for a long overdue win, when they edged out Brisbane Lions 2-1 at Perry Park.

A very even first half ended scoreless, although the Lions defence, minus the injured Cal Bennett, several times got into trouble by their own doing.

The aggressive pair Barry Kelso and Kevin Caldwell ran hard and with purpose and created most of the City openings.

Caldwell put City ahead from the penalty spot after his first attempt, although successfully, had to be retaken because of an encroachment in the area.

Eddie Spearritt, returning as a substitute after several weeks, tested Wishart when a good cross took a deflection and almost sneaked in under the bar, but the keeper backpedalled and shoved the ball over for a corner.

The equaliser came with 12 minutes left when Lions had two successive corners, and following the second an Arnes cross was

good enough to penetrate and Alan Hughes dived into the box to head home.

Two minutes of injury time had elapsed with City produced their sensational winning goal to go out in a blaze of glory.

Coyne again made in interception in the middle and with the help of Willie Connor, the ball found Kelso streaking down the left wing.

Kelso travelled a few yards, set himself up and despatched a memorable left foot shot out of reach of Lownds into the far upper corner of the net.

There is a late look of confidence back in the City defence, with former Bradford City import David Ratcliffe, starting to find his feet to start well alongside his always reliable partner Steve Barnes.

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Jim PAPARAS



Lou Denys — Ajax goalkeeper



Jim Paras — Cross winger



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Gerry Tribuzio — Ajax, striker.



George Cross centre back



Norm Maitland (right) tackles former Atlanta City player Con Ignatidis.

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Cross was tops when was still in short p

Although it would be premature to describe Green Gully as a giant killer, the club's 5-0 triumph over George Cross earlier this season was an incredible, if not unexpected feat.

The Gully is well on the way towards establishing itself as one of Victoria's top clubs, but not so long ago it was battling in the wilderness.

In fact, George Cross was a thriving State League club before the Greens even had a senior team.

But now the ambitious St Albans Club is heading upward, and has caught up with George Cross.

With a modern ground and sporting complex, a progressive administration and ever-increasing support from the local Maltese community, Green Gully is one of the few clubs which are 'alive' on the stagnant local scene.

Let's look back at the development of the two clubs.

George Cross came into being in 1947. The tide of post-war immigration saw soccer spring up in Australia, backed by various ethnic groups.

The Cross brought together Maltese people and soon (1948) the club was affiliated with the Victorian Soccer Federation.

Slowly, but surely the club built up and in 1953 won its first honor. That was the Third Division championship.

That success gave the club the impetus needed, and the following year it took the Second Division championship, as well as the reserve title.

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It's interesting to note that while the Cross was winning the State League Cup, the Dockerty Cup and finishing runner up in the State League in 1959, Green Gully had only two junior teams!

George Cross hit a peak in the years 1960-62, and won the Ampol Cup (runner-up once), and Dockerty Cup (runner-up once) and the State League reserve league.

In the same period, George twice finished second in the State League and twice was runner up in the State League Cup.

It was 1962 when Green Gully first entered a senior team in local competition.

However, in 1964, George Cross achieved a feat that even Green Gully would applaud. The Cross won the Australian Cup!

In the same year, George also finished runner-up in the State League and the Dockerty Cup.

1964 was fruitful for Gully as well. The club won promotion from the Fourth to the Third Division, scoring 70 goals in the process.

The Greens narrowly missed promotion in 1965 but secured a place in the Second Division.

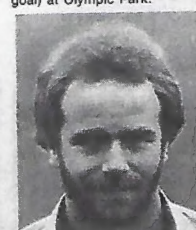
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John Cain — Ajax defender

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1977 State League Championship: GEORGE CROSS 1 (Patton) GEORGE CROSS 1 (McGill own goal) at Olympic Park.

GREEN GULLY: Denys; P. Banagan, F. Berens, Donaldson, J. Thompson; L. Thomson, (Miller), Vassallo, McGill; Segi, Tribuzio (Hamill), Patten. Coach — Ian Petherick.

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner;

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1978 Ampol Cup qualifying match: GEORGE CROSS 2 (Mirak, Reed) GREEN GULLY 0 at Green Gully Reserve.

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GEORGE CROSS: Rice; McConville, Mifsud, Maitland, Barron; Wilkinson, Murphy, Webb, Cullen, Reed, Walker. Coach Billy Wilkinson.

1978 State League championship: GREEN GULLY 5 (Segi 2, Carr, Perkin, Mifsud own goal).

GEORGE CROSS 0 at Green Gully Reserve.

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SPORTS CHANGES TITLE

Changes work for Albion

ALBION LEYLAND 3 (Mitten 33rd min., Donaldson own goal 66th min., Greenan 68th min.)
GREEN GULLY (McCarthy 63rd min.)

ALBION: Oliver, Daperis, McCluskey, Blair, Nesbit, Davidson, Mitten, McCormack, Greenan, Campbell, D'Sylva.
 GREEN GULLY: Dapin, Donaldson (Crilly 67th), Patten, Cain, Klein, McCarthy, Daniels, L. Thomson (Fribuzio 62nd), Segi, Carr, Smith.

After being dogged by leg breaks for over a year, Albion got breaks of a different kind to come out of a sticky situation and beat Green Gully for their fourth win of the season. Albion coach Billy Cree tied a number of positional changes, placing Noel Mitten and Bill McCormack in midfield to back up front runners Kili Greenan and Mick D'Sylva and stand-in centre forward Frank Campbell. Cree thought both Mitten and McCormack benefited by facing play rather than having their backs to it up front.

Green Gully adopted an adventurous approach from the start, playing with a three-man defence and giving John Cain a roving role, except for picking up Mitten in defensive set pieces. Cain thrived on the job and this, as much as Mitten's mountain of work in midfield, created numerous openings for the Gully front runners. Had they been converted, the Greens could have romped home by a avalanche of goals.

Steve Carr was the main culprit. He reads the game intelligently and took a lot of punishment from twin centre backs, Danny McCormack and Steve Blair in performing his task but he lacked bite in his finishing although he also found Jeff Oliver in good form in the Albion goal.

John Patten again played his heart out in Gully's defence. For Albion, former West Australian John Davidson impressed with his workrate in midfield. He fought for possession and distributed the ball well.

Oliver made some good saves and earned praise for his performance, but perhaps the side's best player was Blair. The youngster, not due to turn 17 until November, has now played 16 consecutive matches in the heart of the defence.

He accepts responsibility in a manner that belies his youth. The match itself was of immense importance to Albion in their fight to stave off relegation. Albion opened the score when, following a free kick for an infringement outside the area, the ball came to Mitten who planted it past Denys to be promptly swamped by his overjoyed team-mates.

Gully equalised through Ian McCarthy with a shot from the edge of the area after he received the ball off Carr.

It was a critical time for Albion and for once they found an ounce of luck three minutes later when Peter Donaldson received the ball after calling for it from Lou Denys, was put under pressure by D'Sylva. In attempting to feed it back to his keeper he only managed to plant the ball into his own net.

Albion pressed forward again and Greenan lobbed over Denys for his side's third goal to make the game safe for his side. — PETER DESIRA

Victorian State League with KYLE PATTERSON

ESSENDON CROATIA 1 (Davidson) SUNSHINE CITY 0.

CROATIA: Banovic, Smart, Gardiner, Kokoska, Bilaver, Murphy, Kerr, Andrews, Davidson, Cumming, Voltek.
 SUNSHINE: Scholten, Dixey, Ellis, Lowe, Howse, Mussel, Nierobisz, (Lainig), R. Nelson, McRobert, Pocock (Cook), D. Nelson.

Essendon Croatia has finally sealed the 1978 Rothmans State League Championship.

With three games remaining, Croatia is in an impregnable position at the top of the ladder, leading second-placed Makedonia by eight points.

The Essendon side has faltered in recent games but coach Bill McCarthy defended his players and blamed the "pressure of being so close to the championship" for his team's indifferent displays.

Everyone thinks it's easy to win championships, he said, "but players tighten up and are worried about little mistakes when they're so close to winning the title."

"I'm glad we've clinched the league and now that the pressure is off we can concentrate on getting back to our peak for the business end of the season."

Sunshine City outplayed Croatia in the first half, having a lot more scoring chances and being more determined to win the ball.

However, the turning point came in the 53rd minute when Brian Davidson put Croatia into the lead.

Goalkeeper Yacka Banovic saved a shot and quickly cleared the ball. Davidson pressed Hugh Howse, who made an error in letting the ball bounce and the little winger was able to sneak in behind Howse and shoot the ball past John Scholten from an angle.

From then on, Croatia's game fell into place and the team covered its way home in the style that got it to the top — with teamwork.

Tommy Cumming was outstanding against his old team, and Howard Andrews and John Gardiner were also good.

For Sunshine, Steve Ellis and Scholten were the best.

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 10 Irvine (Frank), Hotson (Juve)
 9 Kokoska (Cro), Dixey (Suns), Blair (Ley)
 8 Williams (Slavia), Brown (Alt), Krncevic (Cro), Paparas (Geo), Mitten (Alb), Cullen (Geo)
 7 Denys (Ajal), Sabidussi (Juve), Walker (Juve), Lesbrel (Mak), Train (Slavia), Lowe (Suns), Banagan (Suns), Patten (Slavia), Clary (Hak)
 6 Taylor (Alt), Murphy (Cro), Petersen (Frank), Patten (Gully), Ellis (Suns), MacGregor (Frank), Adams (Frank), Miford (Geo), Wilding (Ring), D. Nelson (Suns), Walters (Alt), Banovic (Cro), R. Nelson (Suns), Watkins (Juve), Adams (Ring), Little (Alt)
 5 Petrovski (Mak), L. Thompson (Gully), Lewis (Alt), C. Lucchesi (Juve), Davidson (Alt), Carr (Gully), Muschel (Suns), Clarke (Slavia), Leading goalscorers:
 16 Patten (Slavia)
 13 Clary (Hak)
 11 Cumming (Cro)
 10 McMillan (Mak)
 8 Reed (Geo), D. Nelson (Suns)
 7 Segi (Gully), Krncevic (Cro), 6 Voltek (Cro), MacGregor (Frank), C. Lucchesi (Juve), Tribuzio (Gully), McCormack (Alb), Luyten (Ring), Paparas (Geo), Pocock (Suns), Mitten (Ley), 4 Glendon (Mak), Eadie (Frank), Bernard (Mak), Brown (Alt), Cullen (Geo), Murphy (Cro), Carr (Gully), McIntyre (Alb), 4 Craig (Hak), Taylor (Alt), Kerr (Cro), Webster (Frank), Glider (Cro), Thom (Ring)

Bernard returning

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 FRANKSTON CITY 0.

MAKEDONIA: Laumets, Petrovski, Brewerton, Injured (Hallam), Hopper, Beech, Lesbrel, McCluskey, McGifford, Fawkes, McMillan, Glenon.
 FRANKSTON: Petersen, V. Bannan, Irvine, Gillespie, Williamson, Parrott, G. Bannan, Taylor, Tulloch (Webster), MacGregor, Eadie.

Frankston's last goal was scored by defender Vince Bannan against Albion Leyland on July 30.

Desperate to hold on to second position, Makedonia failed to convert its dominance into goals for the second week running. This problem may be solved by the return of John Bernard, who is now available after serving a three-week suspension.

Bill McClymont again shone for Preston but was the culprit on one occasion when he blasted the ball against the post from a good position.

From the rebound, the ball went straight into the arms of Frankston goalkeeper Frank Petersen, who had the draw was Frankston's fourth in five games under Irvine.

Colin McGifford made a rare appearance in the Makedonia team but could lose his place to Dragan Blasevski, who comes back after suspension.



Essendon Croatia — the 1978 State League champion from left, standing — Miro Franjic, John Gardiner, Grant Smart, Ken Murphy, Yacka Banovic, Steve Kokoska, Alan Kerr, Ante Bilaver, Bill McCarthy (coach). Front row — Zeljko Lesan, Branko Culina, Billy Voltek, Tommy Cumming, Howard Andrews, Brian Davidson. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

GOALS NOT OVER LONG HAIR This week's games

HAKOAH ST. KILDA 4 (Clary 22nd and 90th mins, Gibson 84th min, Nagy 87th min) RINGWOOD CITY 1 (Thom 15th min).

HAKOAH: Whiteside 6, Owens 7, Dopen 6, Baker 7, Vaili 7, Blair 8, Jordanu injured (Gadsby 8, 1st min), Gibson 7, Rooney 5 injured (Nagy 62nd min), French 6, Clary 7.
 RINGWOOD: Wilding 5, Adams 6, Garthwaite 6, Carnaby 5, Veniers 5, Pasman 5, O'Callaghan 6, Barber 5 injured (Plumb 68th min), Anderson 5, Luyten 6, Thom 6.

Stuart Blair played another excellent game and Hakoah's other midfielder — Ian Gibson — was a useful player as well as scoring a brilliant volleyed goal that put Hakoah into the lead.

Ringwood had Brian Thom threatening but rarely producing, and John Luyten looking good on the rare occasions he was given good service.

John O'Callaghan and Keith Adams flashed in and out of the play, but along with Thom and Luyten, these were the only Ringwood players who rose above the ordinary.

Despite playing below par for most of the game, Hakoah showed what sort of side it is. With the aid of the carpet-like Middle Park surface, Hakoah played controlled soccer, building up from defence holding possession for long periods; plenty of off-the-ball running; mainly short passing and support of the player with the ball.

Ringwood looked best this season when its defence was tight and played with a no-nonsense attitude in the midfield, had two hard-tackling runners plus Coulson, and the forwards mainly concentrated on getting long balls from Coulson to run onto their luck on.

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"We'll make it!" Wilson

ALTONA CITY 0 SLAVIA 1 (Paton)

Altona City will not be relegated. That's the confident prediction of Altona coach Joe Wilson despite his team being two points adrift in bottom place with only three games remaining.

"I might be pretty brave saying it," said Wilson, "but there's no way we'll go down. Altona is too good a side to take the big drop. My lads are determined to lift the club and the spirit in the team is tremendous."

"Against Slavia we had at least 85% of the play but ended up losing. Even the Slavia players admitted after the game they were lucky."

"I don't like wingers but we've had a battle but we've had a lot of things go when you're down."

Wilson admitted his team faced an uphill battle but said Altona's committee and supporters had full confidence in him and the players.

"Most clubs would start asking coaches and players in a similar situation to ours," said Wilson, "but the committee is right behind me. That helps us a lot and I'm confident we can do it."

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WOMEN'S TITLES

Early results of the Australian Women's Championship at Newcastle: Rd 1: Western Australia 4 (S. Brentrial 2, J. Sanjuschenco, J. Pettit), Queensland 0; Northern NSW 5 (R. Isariel 4, D. Sommerville), Northern Territory 0; NSW 2 (L. Wardell, J. Dolan), Victoria 0; Rd 2: NSW 3 (J. Dolan 2, C. Frank), Queensland 1 (P. Reynolds), Western Australia 5 (S. Brentrial 2, J. Pettit, A. Sanjuschenco, P. O'Connor), Northern Territory 2 (K. Richards, L. Cubillo); Victoria 3 (J. Melvin 2, A. Martin), Northern NSW 1 (R. Isariel). Rd 3: Western Australia 3 (J. Pettit 2, S. Brentrial), NSW 1 (C. McCully); Victoria 14 (A. Martin 8, J. Melvin 3, S. Bass, C. Elvey, M. Rust), Northern Territory 0; Queensland 3 Northern NSW 0.

Striker needed

GEORGE CROSS 0 JUVENTUS 0
 well in the full back position. George Cross still has a slender chance of making the top four but the task would've been a lot easier if the team had taken two points from the match against Juventus.

Robert Cullen and Ken Reed had good chances to score in the first half and continued to be dangerous in the second 45 minutes.

It took a spectacular save at the feet of Cullen by Juve goalkeeper Robert Terzini to keep the scores level, and in the second half, Claude Luchesi had a goal disallowed after an offside decision.

John Hootson fired on the wing and Jim Symington showed in

Rothmans goalie of the week

FRANK PETERSEN of Frankston City is the Rothmans goalkeeper of the week. The leading 'keeper will receive \$250 at the end of the season. Progressive voting — S. Whiteside (Hak), 3; van der Poel (Alt), Wilding (Ring), 2; Laumets (Mak), Petersen (Alb), 1; Scholten (Suns), Banovic (Cro), Clarke (Slavia), Danes (Gully).

German coach to visit

Australian national coach Rudi Gutendorf has arranged for one of Europe's leading soccer coaching directors to visit Australia.

He is Karl-Helm-Heddergott, director of coaching for the West German Football Association.

Heddergott's coaching academy is regarded by experts as the best in the world and he will be in Australia before the end of the year.

Gutendorf, who is an old friend of Heddergott's, made the deal when

he returned to West Germany last month to wind up his affairs before taking over his new appointment in Australia.

Gutendorf is expected back in Australia mid-September.

Mix produces a winning style

The trend towards the use of Australian-produced players in our top soccer is accelerating, especially in Sydney.

This can be seen in the make-up of three of Sydney's Philips League teams.

West's St George and Marconi.

Woodhouse, Skellern, Turnbull, Rowden, Stone, Fisher (West's) John O'Shea, Robert O'Shea, Harris, Terry, Grosse, Coe (St George), Maher, Jones, Degney, Russell, Mariani, Sharne, Jankovic (Marconi) are all 1st team regulars who have developed in Australia.

Second-placed NSW State league team, Sutherland, has a first team in which every player was developed in Australia, most of them in the

local Sutherland region. The Scottish and English influence however still remains the strongest factor affecting the game in this country.

This is especially so with the large number of British players in top sides like Hakoah and South Melbourne Hellas.

However, players, not nationalities, styles or team formations are what produce success.

West Adelaide, with its English-born target man Pillans and its aggressive Scottish midfielders McGachey, Honeyman and Boyle have found success with the British style and a Scottish coach, Jim Adam.

On the other hand, English coach Alan West, has not been able to achieve the same results with his English players at Newcastle.

The British skills have been controlled and refined by the thoughtful Israeli coach, Gerry Chaidi at Hakoah and

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he has produced a quick-passing style that is pleasing to watch as well as effective.

Rale Rasic has done the same at Marconi.

I believe there is now a definite trend towards technically skilful soccer in this country, in which all nationalities are influencing the other.

It was once said that Australian players could not produce top skill.

Gary Marrochi, Peter Stone, Mark Jankovic, Peter Sharne, Kevin Mullen and so many other Australian developed players in the Philips League and throughout the country are proving this is not so.

The mix of British and Australian temperament and aggression allied to European and South American skills is beginning to produce the type of players and teams which will be well equipped for modern soccer — even at international level.

Byrne to Germany for fee of \$15,000

Marconi is likely to sell Soccer Gary Byrne to West German club Viktoria Cologne for \$15,000.

Marconi originally valued Byrne at between \$20,000 and \$25,000 for the European market, but is prepared to accept Cologne's bid.

Viktoria Cologne is currently 18th in the 20-team West German Second Division (north).

Byrne left Australia midway through the current season, to gain overseas experience.



Georgio Chinaglia (left) — punched team-mate Steve Hunt. Franz Beckenbauer (right) — lost Sweeper's position to Carlos Alberto.

'Idiot'—and then a right cross!

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

Just over 12 months ago the New York Cosmos' high priced talent won the North American Soccer League title, but the Cosmos suffered the same problems as a film stable of shouting and pouting egos.

With the wealthiest and most talented team in the league, the Cosmos are favorites to repeat their title victory — if they don't kill each other first.

"I have 50,000 people who can take care of the music business for me," says Ahmet Ertegun, Cosmos president and chairman of Atlantic Records, a vital Warner Communications company.

But the soccer is driving me crazy. I have a coach who wants a certain type of player, I have a general manager who wants glamour and have a volatile team that get angry if you get rid of anyone.

"We could spend \$8 million and buy a team that would annihilate everyone."

But that would only kill the league. So we compromised and built a team that will only beat everyone."

Last year the Cosmos very nearly murdered each other.

There were ugly ego clashes and power struggles in the locker room and executive suite.

Rumors were rife about new players coming in and management changes. Players were paranoid and it got worse when Clive Toye, Cosmos president, and Gordon Bradley, team coach, were sacked last year.

The off-field tension inevitably affected the Cosmos game.

Steve Hunt, the talented 21-year-old English winger, refused to give up the ball, taking long distracted runs and wild shots.

"Easy, Steve, easy," Pele would say, trying to calm him down, "pass the ball". But Hunt would whirl around and plug his ears.

In the locker rooms players and Bradley clashed and in one infamous incident star defender Bobby Smith and Bradley almost came to blows.

The day before a vital game against the Aztecs, the Cosmos had a team meeting. Smith walked into the meeting and couldn't find his name in the starting line-up.

Smith paced up and down the room while Bradley explained a play. Cursing, Smith spat at the blackboard and then kicked it.

"That's what I think of your f... coaching," he screamed.

It's a f... joke." Smith lunged forward and kicked the blackboard, cutting his foot.

Pele's mouth dropped in astonishment while Beckenbauer fought to keep back a smile.

Two weeks later Bradley was sacked and after the announcement on a hot, humid day at the Giants Stadium.

Pele trembling and tears streaming down his cheeks, said: "I hope that from now on, things will be different. I hope now players go to the coach with problems."

Eddie Firmani was the new coach and there were allegations that he had been offered the job months before by his old friend, Georgio Chinaglia.

Many Cosmos players were so angry that they refused to speak to Chinaglia.

The tensions erupted on the practice field one day.

Chinaglia messed up a pass from Steve Hunt and the English star forward called Chinaglia "stupid".

When Chinaglia messed up another pass, he called him an "idiot".

He couldn't get another word in before Chinaglia floored him with a right cross.

Firmani tried to create some harmony on the field. He was a shrewd tactician interested in winning games, not personality contests.

Some of his moves were controversial. Firmani gave the sweeper role to Carlos Alberto and put Beckenbauer in midfield.

Beckenbauer accepted the news gracefully, but was clearly uncomfortable.

Firmani also moved Hunt further upfield and out on the wing to keep the middle open, and moved Pele back to keep the goal area clear.

These changes gave Chinaglia more room and on July 27 last year he scored three goals in an 8-2 rout of Washington.

"The pressure to win is incredible now," said Bobby Smith.

It was the day before the last game of the regular season, and Smith was sitting outside a closed locker room door, cutting tape off his feet.

"It's not the guys' fault that there is so much crap going on."

"They're playing for their jobs. I used to be an idealist about this game, but now I have three priorities — my game, my team (to some extent) and my friends."

"This is not a tight team, if we play a team in the playoffs were the guys care about each other and fight for each other, we're gonna get beat."

In the first playoff match against Tampa Bay, the Cosmos won 3-0 with goals

from the rejuvenated Pele (2) and Chinaglia.

In the next home game, Chinaglia scored three goals in an 8-3 rout of Fort Lauderdale.

Chinaglia got another goal against Fort Lauderdale in the return match in the last six minutes to equalise 2-2. The Cosmos eventually won 3-2.

The Cosmos followed by beating Rochester twice 2-1 and 4-1. Chinaglia grabbed another three goals.

Only one game remained — the Soccer Bowl in Portland against the Seattle Sounders for the NASL title.

The Cosmos dedicated the game to Pele, and for a brief moment the bickering stopped.

Alberto was brilliant at sweeper. Smith was the consummate professional in defence and Hunt was irresistible.

And Chinaglia — booed at the start of the game scored the winning goal in the 2-1 victory.

In the locker room bedlam that followed, Pele was the centre of attention. TV cameras followed him into the shower.

Cosmos players chanted his name over and over.

Yet Pele would not have had that moment without Chinaglia's sensational finish, a record-setting nine goals in six play off games.

And Chinaglia might not have had his championship winning goal without that pass from the team mate he punched in practice, Steve Hunt.

Firmani took a lot of the credit but as goalkeeper Shep Messing said: "With the talent we had we could have won with Little Orphan Annie coaching us."

"We got it together because we wanted to win it for Pele."

But Pele has gone and the bickering that almost tore them apart last season is creeping back.

They recently lost their unbeaten 26 game home record and are struggling.

But will they get it all together again for the NASL final and win it for the second year running at the Giants Stadium — their home ground?

Hellas 'not interested' in broadening base

FALLING CROWDS TROUBLE PSL

After much talk about soccer fans vanishing from Sydney this year, clouds are now also gathering in Brisbane and Melbourne and the Philips League's management is starting to take notice of the danger signs.

Most noticeable have been the small turnout of soccer fans in the Queensland capital — especially when contrasted with the crowds of six to seven thousand claimed for some fixtures last year.

It is generally agreed that those crowds were grossly over-estimated and the installation of proper turnstiles at Perry Park this year has brought the local patriot down to earth.

Looking to Melbourne, Footscray JUST beat in the "sick men" of the PSL this year with home crowds regularly announced as around 1000.

This leads to the reasonable deduction that the actual attendance at some matches was in the hundreds.

PSL manager John Frank this week said his management committee was most concerned with attendances at the two centres and he has several explanations for the problems facing the league.

"We are very concerned about Brisbane City's position, although their poor playing record this year could partly be blamed for the small home crowds," he said.

"As for Lions, they are in a special position, playing, as they do virtually away from home when in Brisbane."

The PSL manager explained that Lions' following is based almost completely

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believes.

"They are not selling their product to a broader base of potential support, and in addition their performance is not as good as it was earlier," he said.

"Fitzroy Alexander's following is much bigger, therefore is the drop in their attendances is not of the same magnitude."

As to the suggestion that, outside the two provincial cities, the league could develop into a competition almost exclusively of Greek and Italian sponsored clubs, Frank complained of "club resistance" to broadening the basis of their general appeal.

"Look at South Melbourne," he said.

"They are on the crest of a wave, winning matches, getting big crowds and thus having the money to spend on players."

"Frankly, they are unconcerned about broadening their basis."

However, when a team is erratic in its performance the crowds inevitably shrink, even if it is a Greek-sponsored outfit, as in the case of Olympic in Sydney.

"Little clubs ought to think very seriously about the need to recruit new supporters."

"If they won't do this of their own volition, the league will make it very clear to them next year that something must be done," the PSL manager said.

That bottoms on seats at soccer grounds around Australia are a major concern to the PSL was made obvious by the method of deciding home teams for the forthcoming Philips Cup matches.

Attendance figures



PSL manager John Frank

throughout the year were taken into account, as well as travel undertaken by the remaining clubs in previous rounds.

Potential crowds will also be a major factor in deciding the venues of the Top Four playoffs.

However, Frank tried to calm uneasy Sydney fans by predicting that the league will try to have some playoff action in the Harbour City.

This is reassuring, indeed, as the PSL would do otherwise at its own peril.

Although not the only problem spot on the Australian soccer map, it would be foolish to deny that Sydney is ailing.

However, it would be just as foolish to try to "cure" the patient with a deliberate policy of neglect.

It has been noted by Sydney fans — and noted with extreme chagrin — that both quarter-finals of the Philips Cup involving local teams are to be played away from home.

Coaching by McKendrey

The Victorian director of coaching, Len McKendrey, will conduct the next session for the eastern branch of the Victorian Coaches Federation at Ringwood United's ground, Wonge Park, on Monday, September 4 at 7.30 pm.

McKendrey will be assisted by staff coaches, Freddy Bunce and Fred Brooks.

The session is aimed at improving coaching techniques and advising people who want to take coaching courses under the Rothmans national coaching scheme.

Further information is available from D. Barker

VICTORIAN CUPS DRAW

The draw for preliminary and first rounds of the Victorian Winfield Cup, with scheduled dates:

Saturday, September 9

Preliminary rounds: Western Suburbs v Moreland; Monash University v Brighton; Corio v Port Melbourne; Polonia v Springvale City; South Melbourne v Essendon City; Doncaster Rovers v Dandenong City; Werribee v Kolor City; Waverley v South Yarra; Doveton v Bell Park

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 —

FIRST MAIN ROUND: Melbourne v Fitzroy United; Monash Uni. or Brighton v Clayton; Mooroolbath United v Heidelberg; Box Hill v Collingwood City; Eltham v Coburg; Waverley or South Yarra v Croynon City; University of Melbourne v Moorabin City; Footscray v Chelsea; Doncaster v Dandenong v Doveton or Bell Park; Sandringham City v Kolor Austria; Polonia or Springvale v Fawkner; Ferntree Gully v Mornington, Park

Western Suburbs or Moreland v Morwell Falcons; Knox City v South Melbourne or Essendon City; Corio or Port Melbourne v Werribee or Kolor City

The draw for the preliminary and first rounds of the Provisional League Cup:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 PRELIMINARY ROUND: Central Albion v Ballarat; Melton v Bulwer; Nunawading City v Geelong; Rosebud v North Dandenong; Carlton v Royal Park; Bendigo v

Dandenong v Karingal; Hotham v Greensborough

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 — FIRST ROUND: Hamlyn Rangers v Frankston; Pines; Langwarrin v East Brunswick; Keysborough v Central Albion; Ballarat; Bendigo City or Sunbury United v Hawthorn; Williamstown v South Dandenong or Karingal; Carlton or Royal Park v Hotham or Greensborough; Rosebud or North Dandenong v Thomastown; Nunawading City or Geelong v



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The Ringwood side against Hakoah looked like a ship without a rudder and it was not until a style to play and it was up to individuals to try to show some initiative.

Despite the criticisms, Ringwood was in a show in the first half. After an even start, then shot Ringwood the lead with an incredible goal from the goal line. It started to cross the ball, but instead of a cross, Blair, who was in Whiteside, who'd come off his injury, and the post.

Mike Kearney edged in the line after **Les Owens** had jumped well on the far post to head **Gadsby's** deep cross against the goal. **Clarey** took the ball and **Clarey** tucked it away from two yards.

Hakoah got on top after drawing the lead. Ringwood's first line, **Graham French** was coming level of the defenders well but twice wasted the ball when a cross would have put **Clarey** through.

After the interval Hakoah started to make the Ringwood defence look like a team of amateurs. The ball was square, and had the extra difficulty of having Hakoah midfielders running into attacking players marked.

In the 62nd minute an injury to **Sean Rooney** paved the way for **Clarey** to get the ball. **Clarey** took it at once, **Rooney** made his presence felt with a strong shot that brought a good save from **Paul Widing**. His strong running on the half gave the Hakoah attack a new dimension and **Rooney** could now show his class.

Rooney's indifference and the non-appearance of **George Craig**.

In the 65th minute, **Rooney** took the ball to the line and saved over a good far post cross. A huge hole opened up in the Ringwood defence and **Rooney** took the opportunity and this allowed **Widing** to save.

Then came the Hakoah surge. The ball was in the hands of **Clarey** were gone. You would have to go a long way to see better goals in

back **Ron Verniers**, then cutting the ball back to **Gibson** who caught it perfectly and shot it right into the foot slot.

Gibson was the 14 metres out and to change direction to make contact with the ball.

Soon after, **Nagy** made it 3-2 after a near-perfect build-up.

Ringwood had pushed **Dave Garthwaite** up into attack to try to stop the Hakoah. **Blair** carried the team a three-man defence.

A quick pass was played out of defence after a Ringwood attack. **Blair** carried the ball and **Clarey** up the ball. From inside his own half he played it to **Clarey**, who had the ball. **Blair** ran well inside, and **Clarey** returned the ball.

With **Carbary** out of the play, **Blair** was the only one to carry the ball forward, and **drew Verniers** in. When he reached the 18 yard area he slipped the ball twice to **Nagy** who was close to home all the time in the world.

The ball had gone from defence to attack in 10 seconds. The following moves that involved only four passes.

Just before Hakoah's third goal, **Rooney** had his best chance of the half. **O'Callaghan** had bulldozed his way past two tackles and **Clarey** was in the way. **Clarey** slipped the ball to **Alex Anderson** who unleashed a powerful shot.

The ball hit the crossbar and rebounded. **Lugby** had time to take the ball down but then hesitated and this allowed **Chris Widing** to shoot forward and knock the ball to safety.

Hakoah's fourth goal ridiculed Ringwood.

With a free kick on the half way line, **Dave Baker** hit a long ball forward. The Ringwood defence was weakened to the edge of its goal. **Blair** passed the ball to **Clarey** and maybe catching Hakoah off side, or at least keeping the opposition players away from goal.

Clarey back-headed **Baker's** kick, but got the surprise of his own

Botanical shoes in overthrow of Croatia

A great 2-1 win by Apia over Croatia at Lambert Park revived the Leichhardt team's hope of making the top four in the NSW State League.

The first goal came in the tenth minute. John Doyle finished off a fine solo run with a perfect pass to Terry Butler.

Butler headed to Bob Fryer who scored from two metres.

Fryer also scored the second goal in the 37th minute. He headed the ball home from close range.

Apia played to the plan of keeping Abony quiet, and this was achieved most effectively in the first half. Contributing to this was 16-year-old Jim Bettelino, who in his first senior game, gave a polished performance.

Following Abony's goal, Apia played a 1-2-1 pattern and had several narrow escapes before they settled down again to hang on to their lead.

Butler, the hardest working player on the field, was best for Apia, while Doyle and Fryer were outstanding in the first half.

Kovacic was Croatia's best player, and Abony was dangerous in the second half.

Sutherland squandered many goal-scoring opportunities and made heavy weather of their 1-0 victory over Granville at Seymour Shaw Park.

Apart from a brief period early in the second half, Sutherland were on top and it was only the brilliance of Barry Hoare in the Granville goal and some sloppy forward work that prevented more goals.

Sutherland scored the vital goal in the 15th minute of the second half when Peter Boggie crossed past Hoare for Craig Hall to blast home from close range.

Auburn received a severe setback to their faint hopes of making the final four when

NSW State League with JOHN TAYLOR

Toongabbie beat them 2-1 at Gliraween.

Toongabbie were superior in all departments.

Only John McDonald and Andy Treacy showed any real thrust towards goal for Auburn.

Toongabbie opened the scoring in the 12th minute through Steve Pollard.

They increased their lead in the 49th minute when Carlos Ortega scored with a low hard shot from a Jim Izatt pass.

Toongabbie relaxed late in the game and allowed Auburn to put back a goal.

David Petter slammed in a fine shot from 35 metres, but the Toongabbie defence held firm as Auburn pressed for the equaliser.

A Melita goal by Tony Ikonomu three minutes from full time in their match against Arncliffe kept the Eagles in the hunt for fourth place.

With the minutes ticking away, a draw seemed certain but Terry Jones broke through on the right and sent a perfect cross to Ikonomu who slammed the ball into the net from 20 metres, giving Arncliffe keeper Norm Rogers no chance.

Melita winger Brian Parker was dangerous twice in the first 15 minutes but had shots brilliantly saved by Dave Butler and Rogers.

Five minutes after the interval Parker had another chance but centre half Frank Hall saved by clearing off his line.

Manly destroyed Marrickville Olympic's semi-final hopes with a 2-0 win at Arlington Oval.

Manly's first goal came in the 11th minute when sweeper John Dick's free kick deflected off the wall and into the net.

The seashore team command in midfield with Mick Banks controlling play and Robbie Stewart finding his markers on the right wing.

This week's games

TOONGABBIE v M'VILLE OLYMPIC Gliraween Park
Apia v Apia Mona Park

SUNDAY
Granville v M'ville Olympic Gliraween Park.
Arncliffe v Sutherland Barton Park.
Manly v Toongabbie Cromer Park.
Auburn v Monaro Mona Park.
Crestle v Yugal Sports Ground.
Bankstown v Melita, Soccer Centre.

Marrickville's Australian schoolboy representative Peter Kothalos added bite to the Olympic attack but lacked support.

With ten minutes remaining Arncliffe striker Joe Nawala made a break inside the penalty area after receiving a lovely through ball and his shot was handballed on the line.

Bobby Geoghegan made no mistake with the penalty.

A 2-2 draw with Yugal at Concord Oval made Bankstown's hopes of avoiding relegation a little brighter.

The opening goal came in the 40th minute when Yugal's left winger Sam Gailfoot picked up a poor clearance from Bankstown keeper Terry Greedy and slammed it into the net.

From the kick-off Bankstown's Bob Usher came through to bend the ball across and through the

Monaro cemented their top four spot with a convincing 3-0 win over Avalo at the Marco Polo Ground, Queanbeyan.

Goal scorers for Monaro were Tony Morosello, Alan Bourke and Sebastian Glampole.

Monaro led one-nil at half time and were always in control.

Avalo rarely looked dangerous and, in fact, had only two real shots at goal during the entire match.

Monaro were without regular players Samling, John Santolito and John Morosello but were still too strong in all departments for Avalo.

JUNIOR STANDINGS

VICTORIA

Victorian junior standings as at August 20:

State League Colts

UNDER 14

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Princes	10	1	0	45	9	21
Sand. City	8	1	3	45	17	17
G. Gully	7	2	3	28	15	17
Princes	6	2	4	37	16	13
Hazkash	6	1	4	45	17	13
Junettes	5	3	5	16	22	13
Albion	3	1	7	19	31	7
Wing. City	2	0	11	19	66	4
George X	0	0	11	8	61	0

UNDER 16

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Junettes	12	1	1	50	12	21
Essex	10	1	3	34	18	21
Princes	9	2	4	56	20	15
Princes	7	2	3	46	20	15
Albion	6	2	6	35	14	14
G. Gully	5	2	6	29	12	12
Freemantle	5	1	4	35	14	12
Hazkash	4	3	7	23	41	11
George X	3	0	10	19	50	6
Sun. City	0	0	14	13	87	0

UNDER 18

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Waverley	13	0	1	51	14	26
Ess. City	9	1	5	27	14	19
W. Gully	7	1	4	48	23	15
Princes	7	1	4	40	18	15
Balcombe	6	2	5	35	14	14
W. Res.	3	2	9	28	58	8
Hm. Rangers	3	0	11	27	69	6
Hawthorn	1	1	11	25	73	3

Under 16

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Box Hill	14	1	0	50	42	20
Arden	9	3	4	27	22	15
Fitzroy	7	4	4	40	18	15
Fawkner	6	3	3	38	15	15
Melbourne	6	3	2	40	15	15
Keller	4	7	2	30	15	15
Croydon	4	2	2	30	14	15
St. Albans	3	2	2	30	14	15
Waverley	0	1	15	13	101	1

Under 14

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Footscray	16	0	1	81	22	32
Morland	11	2	3	50	24	24
Star Sport	11	1	3	45	12	23
Doncaster	7	4	2	37	17	15
Paisley	6	3	3	42	15	9
Moorook	7	1	3	32	14	15
Knox City	6	3	2	42	15	9
Caullfield	4	4	3	33	10	10
Ring. City	4	2	11	30	70	10
Brighton	1	3	12	18	49	5

Under 12

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lyndale	9	2	1	44	22	20
St. Albans	6	2	4	36	14	20
Regent	4	4	19	19	12	12
Subs. Vlk.	4	2	2	34	12	12
Baxter	4	3	2	33	11	11
G. Boro	3	4	3	23	10	10
Coburg	1	3	8	13	27	5

Under 10

	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. Marks	15	2	1	112	13	32
Clarendon	11	3	4	82	30	25
F. Pines	11	3	4	72	35	25
Clifton Hill	10	4	4	73	24	24
Rozanna	11	2	5	57	32	24
Boronia	7	2	3	34	16	16
Hortman	6	2	3	34	14	14
Marrickville	4	1	4	24	9	9
Rosdon	3	1	4	16	10	10
Regent	1	0	16	6	52	2

Under 15

	W	D	L	F	A	P
G. Gully	12	2	2	43	10	26
St. Albans	11	3	1	42	17	25
Albion	10	4	2	43	16	8
Waverley	8	2	6	29	18	20
Box Hill	7	3	3	34	17	17
Baxter	3	4	1	16	40	10
Morland	3	2	1	16	36	8
Springvale	3	2	1	17	37	8
Clyton	3	1	11	13	6	6

DIVISION 'B'

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Keller	16	0	2	107	22	32
Essex	13	2	2	70	22	28
Sun. Hts	10	4	4	48	24	31
Karigala	8	2	8	54	37	18
Melton	7	4	7	48	44	18
Fawkner	6	2	10	34	14	14
Princes	6	2	9	23	57	14
Croydon	5	3	9	48	51	13
Mel. Pk.	4	1	12	19	65	9
Corio	2	2	14	18	100	6

DIVISION 'C'

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moore Pds	12	3	6	62	20	27
Widewater	11	4	3	46	21	26
Mosfield	10	4	4	35	24	24
Lyndale	10	2	4	55	42	20
Dandy	8	4	6	32	37	20
Albion	5	4	9	37	52	14
G. Boro	3	7	17	30	13	13
Knox City	3	5	9	48	51	13
Princes	2	1	10	33	55	12
West Sub	2	2	12	16	49	6

DIVISION 'D'

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hm. Rang.	18	0	0	69	4	36
Nona City	11	3	3	68	24	27
Ess. City	12	2	3	64	13	24
Brighton	9	7	7	46	22	20
Waverley	9	2	6	46	24	20
Donston	8	0	10	40	76	16
Doncaster	5	2	11	17	46	12
F. Pines	4	1	12	23	54	9
Seasmuir	3	2	12	21	61	2
Princes	1	0	17	6	101	2

DIVISION 'E'

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nth. Res.	10	1	1	56	9	21
Bullen	10	0	2	48	13	16
Bundoora	7	2	3	48	14	16
Moore Pds	6	2	3	32	18	16
Yarraville	4	7	1	40	19	15
Moorabbin	2	1	10	13	85	4
Stamand Ck	0	0	12	3	102	0

Under 14

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nona City	15	1	0	74	10	31
Sh. Melb.	11	4	1	42	13	26
Thornhill	8	4	3	39	29	20
Footscray	8	3	5	40	25	19
Waverley	4	4	3	34	18	20
Baxter	3	1	10	15	52	9
Moorook	2	4	11	16	39	8
Fawkner	2	4	9	15	38	8
Albion	1	3	12	9	43	5

DIVISION 'F'

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Knox City	12	2	2	41	19	26
Keller	11	2	2	42	16	24
Fitzroy	10	1	3	40	18	21
Coburg	8	4	3	34	18	20
Waverley	7	4	2	39	17	18
Devon	5	3	7	25	26	18
Sunshine Hts	4	1	9	15	27	9
Donc.	2	0	14	21	55	4
Seaford	0	1	14	8	54	1

DIVISION 'G'

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lyndale	9	2	1	44	22	20
St. Albans	6	2	4	36	14	20
Regent	4	4	19	19	12	12
Subs. Vlk.	4	2	2	34	12	12
Baxter	4	3	2	33	11	11
G. Boro	3	4	3	23	10	10
Coburg	1	3	8	13	27	5

DIVISION 'H'

	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. Marks	15	2	1	112	13	32
Clarendon	11	3	4	82	30	25
F. Pines	11	3	4	72	35	25
Clifton Hill	10	4	4	73	24	24
Rozanna	11	2	5	57	32	24
Boronia	7	2	3	34	16	16
Hortman	6	2	3	34	14	14
Marrickville	4	1	4	24	9	9
Rosdon	3	1	4	16	10	10
Regent	1	0	16	6	52	2

DIVISION 'I'

	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. Albans	13	2	1	77	9	27
Widewater	11	3	2	56	22	25
Hampton	8	4	3	41	28	20
Brighton	6	4	4	43	36	18
Box Hill	4	7	5	31	43	15
Clayton	4	3	6	26	12	12
Mulgrave	2	8	3	22	52	9
Doncaster	3	1	10	22	52	9
Nona City	2	3	11	12	38	7

DIVISION 'B'

	W	D	L	F	A	P
G. Boro	13	2	1	69	17	28
St. Albans	11	3	0	60	21	24
Rozanna	9	2	4	46	28	18
F. T. Gully	6	7	2	52	34	19
St. Albans	6	0	14	29	16	12
Bundoora	7	2	7	38	31	17
Salesian Coll.	4	1	9	34	39	9
Croydon	2	1	13	27	76	5
Marrickville	0	1	15	11	109	1

DIVISION 'C'

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hotham	14	2	0	69	12	30
Coll. City	14	1	0	80	18	29
Bankia	10	6	4	61	30	20
Kew Pk. R.	9	1	6	64	27	19
Bundoora	7	1	8	29	37	18
Hoppers	6	0	10	41	60	12
Upper Yarra	6	0	10	16	56	12
Mordialloc	2	1	13	15	55	2
Cransbourne	1	0	15	18	87	2

Western Region

UNDER 9						
	W	D	L	F	A	P
Meadow Pk. 'A'	13	3	0	45	4	2
Sun. Hts. 'A'	11	3	22	42	8	2
Essendon 'A'	11	1	4	38	11	2
Albion 'A'	9	4	4	37	6	2
Melton 'A'	9	4	3	47	6	2
Werribee	5	3	8	14	30	1
Sun. Cty	4	2	10	13	55	1
Sun. Hts. 'B'	3	2	12	10	47	1
Mooroolbark	1	4	12	6	31	1



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V. S. F. ENANTION P. S. L.

Οι σχέσεις μεταξύ της επιτροπής τού 'Εθνικού πρωταθλήματος (P.S.L.) και της 'Ομοσπονδίας Βικτωρίας άρχισαν τόν τελευταίο καιρό να κάνουν την σχετική ε-
μαλότητα που υπήρχε μεταξύ τους.

Φυσικά από τις άρχες τού 'Εθνικού πρωταθλήματος οι τοπικές ομοσπονδίες της χώρας δεν ήταν και τόσο ενθουσιασμένες από την ιδέα άλλα τελευταία τα πράγματα άρχισαν να παίρνουν σοβαρό χαρακτήρα.

Οι σχέσεις των δύο άρχισαν να ψυχραίνονται και ελικά δόθηκε η άποψη να ξερασθώσε τουλάχιστον ο ένας από τους δύο, η 'Ομοσπονδία.

Άποψη έγινε τού Κύπελλο 'Αμποι και η συμμετοχή των τριών ομάδων της Βικτωρίας που μετέχουν στο 'Εθνικό Πρωτάθλημα.

Η πρόταση έγινε από την 'Ομοσπονδία και προέβλεπε κανονική συμμετοχή των ομάδων, δηλαδή προκριματικούς αγώνες κ.λ.π. μέχρι τόν τελικό. Όπως δηλαδή προέβλεπε οι κανονισμοί της διοργάνωσης. Θεωρητικά η ιδέα δεν ήταν άσχημη. Οι τρεις ομάδες θα είχαν την ευκαιρία να συμπεριλάβουν τού Κύπελλο μέσα στα πλαίσια της προετοιμασίας τους για τού επόμενο πρωτάθλημα. Στην πράξη όμως τα πράγματα είναι διαφορετικά η τουλάχιστον έτσι τα είχαν οι ομάδες όταν σκέφθηκαν για πιθανούς τραυματισμούς παικτών κ.λ.π. 'Ετσι άρνήθηκαν να πάρουν μέρος στους προκριματικούς τουλάχιστον. Κάτι τέτοιο βέβαια δεν έγινε δεκτό και έδω δικαιοδογούμε την 'Ομοσπονδία διότι είναι ποδοσφαιρικά άδικο με τις υπόλοιπες ομάδες της V.S.F. να πάρουν μέρος στους προκριματικούς την ώρα που η 'Ελλάς, ως πούμε, θα περιμένει ν' αγωνιστεί στους ημιτελικούς.

Έτσι, ναυάγησε η προσπάθεια της V.S.F. σ' τού να συμπεριλάβει και ομάδες τού P.S.L. σ' τού Κύπελλο. Δεν άφησε όμως να περάσει έτσι τού πρόβλημα και προσπάθησε να βρει, κατά την γνώμη μας, να πληρώσει τού P.S.L. με τού ίδιο νόμισμα. Άποφάσεις λοιπόν να μην επιτρέψει την χρησιμοποίηση παικτών τού Βικτωριανού πρωταθλήματος σ' περιπτώση που έπαιξαν στο έθνικό πρωτάθλημα, όταν αυτά επιτρέφουν σ' τις ομάδες τους.

Φυσικά η απαγόρευση αυτή άπορά περισσότερο την 'Ελλάς Μελοδούνης. Όπως έχουμε ο Σύλλογος χρησιμοποίησε στην πρώτη ομάδα τούς Κυριακουλές και Νικολαΐδη, λόγω των απουσιών βασικών παικτών της. Οι δύο νεαροί αγωνίζονται με την δ' ομάδα της 'Ελλάς η οποία συμμετέχσε σ' τού τοπικό Βικτωριανό Πρωτάθλημα της κατηγορίας της.

Σύμφωνα λοιπόν με την νέα άποφαση της V.S.F. οι δύο νεαροί δεν μπορούν να χρησιμοποιηθούν στην δ' ομάδα διότι πήραν μέρος σ' τού 'Εθνικό Πρωτάθλημα.

Όσο άνορθόδοξο κι' αν φαίνεται εν-
τάτοις τού θέμα είναι καθαρός άναγνω-
στικό και φέρνει τις ομάδες σ' διάσταση με την V.S.F..

Με την άποφαση αυτή δεν πρόκειται να κερδίσει κανείς τίποτα. 'Ισως να θυγούν κερδισμένοι οι παίκτες ά-
βεια άποφασίσει ο σύλλογος να τούς μονιμοποιήσει στην δύναμη της ομάδας όπως έγινε με τούς Κακωντών και Χριστόπου-
λο. Άν όμως δεν άποφασιστεί κάτι τέ-
τοιο τότε κινδυνεύει η καριέρα των δύο νεαρών και θα είναι έγκλημα να κατα-
στραφεί τού τολάντο τους.

Τέτοιου είδους άποφάσεις ίκανοποι-
ούν μόνο όριμένους είδους άνδράς, ενώ ταυτόχρονα κάνουν κακό σ' τού ποδό-
σφαιρο.

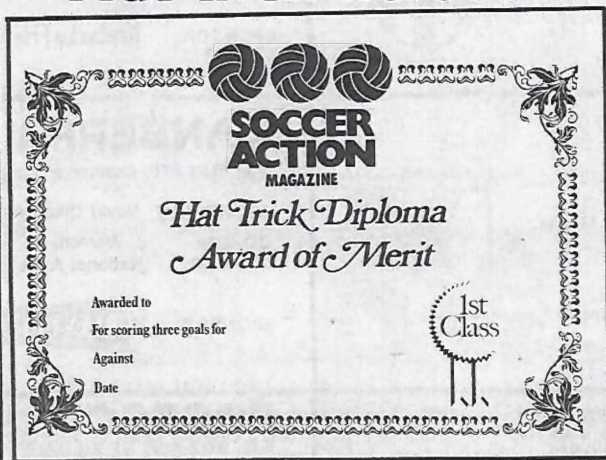
Με την καθιέρωση τού θεσμού της δι-
αδοθιμίας σ' τού επόμενο πρωτάθλημα πε-
ρίσσει κανείς να δει μία νέα βελτίωση
στις σχέσεις τού V.S.F. και των άλλων
τοπικών ομοσπονδιών με την διοργάνωση
τού 'Εθνικού πρωταθλήματος (P.S.L.) και
όχι πόλεμο με κανονισμούς - έμπόδιο!·
Και οι δύο παρατάξεις έχουν να λάβουν
περισσότερα άπ' ότι πεποιμένουν να κερ-
δίσουν από αυτή την άσυνενοησία.

Μία πιο ψύχραιμη άνασέωση τού
θέματος θα έδινε μία καλύτερη λύση.



These are the Slavia (Vic.) State League Colts, who are lying in third position in the under-16 ladder. Back row from left: Kurt Schroeder, Bill Diliyannis, Des Shannon, Paul Wade, Mark Schroeder, Mike Hill, David Cliff, Alex Makrikita. Front: David Floyd, Mark Jones, Damon Gatto, David Hume, Andy Golby.

Hat-trick heroes



The "Soccer Action" Hat Trick Diploma is available to any junior player who scored three or more goals in any league, cup or official school match. Friendly matches do not count.

Coaches are asked to supply the following information:

1. Name of the boy who scored the hat-trick (or more).
2. His age, address and the team for which he plays.
3. The team against which he scored the goals.
4. Date of game.
5. Send the information to "Soccer Action", 250 Spencer Street, Melbourne, Vic., and we will forward the certificate free of charge as an incentive to keep on scoring those goals!

The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat-Trick Heroes", published every week.

This week's hat-trick heroes:

Andrew Verlei, 10, four goals (Beumaris); Mark Powderly, 8 (Young NSW); Colin Cooper, 9 (Altona); Gerard Fulham, 16, five goals (Broadmeadows); David O'Donnell, 9, (Albion Leyland); Jason Krietalyn, 7 (Springvale); Shane Barwood, 8 (Springvale); Phil Schievette, 11 (Watsonia); Andrew Pahljina, 7, seven goals; Matthew Ellul, 7, (Nunawading); Neil Wallace, 11, Adam Harrington, 11, David Klepac, 11 (Mooroolbark); H. Delbasik, 10 (Sunshine)

Heights; Mario Zulli, 10, four goals (Sunshine Heights); Sammy Mowatt, 10, (Altona); Damian Prescott, 11, (Groydon); Chris Foudoulla, 8, Augustine Carl, 13, four goals; Craig Crowe, 14, four goals (Bundoora); Jim McCran, 16 (Polonia Adelaide); Bill Stogrevski, 12, John Metaxas, 12, four goals; Jim Tsalas, 13, five goals; Peter Baumgarler, 9, M. Guldner, 13 (Collingwood City); Joe D'Amico, 11, Richard Herman, 11, five goals (Brighton); Anthony Dagura, 19, four goals (Moreland); Mark Rogers, 12, four goals (Springvale High School); Michael Ward, 13, five goals (Nunawading); Paul Williams, 11, seven goals (Boronia); Richard Heeler, 9 (Springvale); Simon Middleton, 10 (Nunawading); Joe Novella, 10, Carmon Orlando, 10 (Meadow Park); Steve Tsalas, 11 (5th Melb Hellas); Michael McAnaspie, 12, Brad Page, 12, four goals (Young NSW); Martin Collier, 10, Damian Bassett, 9, (Springvale); Franco Vittitelli, 7, four goals (East Bentleigh); Angelos Papagaris, 15, seven goals (Essendon Croatia); Jimmy Chelis, 15, seven goals (5th Melb Hellas); Andrew Callegaro, 9, four goals (Box Hill); Glen Brown, 14 (Keysborough);

Greg Kasalides, 13, five goals (no club name included - certificate cannot be issued); Warren Reach, 10 (Green Gully); Anthony Aiello, 11 (Dandenong); Paul Trimball, 9, seven goals (Brighton); Justin Kaminski, 9, six goals (Churchill Utd); Warren Spink, 11 (Doveton).



A view from the junior ranks
BY LEIF JENSEN

'Competitive'

Well there is someone after all who has managed to find "reasons" for keeping competitive soccer going for boys under 12.

Mrs. M. Staples of Rosanna Soccer Club (Vic) writes: You ask for reasons why boys under the age of 12 should play competitive soccer. Well, just a couple are:

1. Give any group of boys a ball of any shape and they will automatically divide into two sides and play against each other. Boys (and girls) are born competitive and only in adulthood does some of this wear off. They will also make up rules to their game if none already exist.
2. If we do not provide competitive soccer for boys under the age of 12 by the time we introduce our game the boys who would have been interested will have become involved with other sports - Australian Rules, hockey, baseball etc.

Also, I would like to add that the views expressed are also the views of the Rosanna Soccer Club coaches and not just my own personal views. I do mix a great deal with many of the boys from our club and believe they know what 'FUN' is. It is playing soccer in a team and - win or lose - being part of that team.

ATTACK CUP

Lyndale United will host the Attack Cup for 1978.

Teams taking part are from the under thirteen age group. They are Lyndale, Caulfield, Melton, Mitcham, Mulgrave A and B, Keysborough and Nunawading "A".

The competition will be staged on the weekend of Sept. 9 and 10 at Lyndale High School sports ground. The first round, Sept. 9, will

be on a round-robin basis. The teams will play in two groups of four teams each. The finals will be on a straight knockout basis.

The Attack Cup is sponsored by Mr. Don Boots of D.B. Sports. The winner will receive the Attack Cup plus a set of Attack jerseys.

The runners-up will also receive a set of Attack jerseys.

Port's third title



Port Melbourne under-13s, standing from left: A. Giakoumakis, C. Smirnakis, A. Kotzamichalis, L. Theologou, M. Durakovic, S. Xaphiris, C. Hamakiotis. Front: P. Tsalakis, J. Palatsidis, G. Kalogeros, S. Hackett, N. Papanikolaou, M. Hamikiotis.

Port Melbourne under-13s have won their league championship - their third in as many years.

This time, they were undefeated, scoring 62 goals to 10.

They have also reached the junior cup final against South Melbourne Hellas next month.

The team is sponsored by Oakleigh Food Wholesalers of Atherton Road, Oakleigh.

Top scorer was George Kalogeros, with 16 goals, son of coach S. Kalogeros.

Other scorers: S. Palatsidis, 13, N. Papanikolaou 11; S. Hackett 8, M. Durakovic 5, P. Tsalakis 4, M. Hamakiotis 3 and A. Kotzamichalis 2.

Port Melbourne's results this season have been:

LEAGUE: v Hellas - 3-2, 2-0, v Moreland - 3-0, 3-0; v Rosanna - 3-0, 6-0, v Thomstown - 4-0, 5-2, v Juventus - 2-1, 3-1, v Fawkner - 6-2, 6-0, v Greensborough - 2-0, 3-0, v Essendon City - 6-1, 4-1. Total: Scored 62 against 10.

CUP MATCHES: v Waverley - 17-1, v Nunawading - 9-1, v Dandenong City - 5-0, v Fawkner - 3-0, v Altona - 7-0. Total: Scored 41 against 2.

Talent galore in Vic. squad



Werner Delves Soldatos Hume Melvin Martin Roy Baas Elvey



Hubbard McQuarrie Rust Donovan Solora Derry Holmes Jones Thompson

This is the Victorian squad that has been competing with distinction in the Victorian Women's Soccer Association fifth interstate championships in Newcastle this week:

MONIKA WERNER, aged 20. Studying Civil Engineering at Preston Institute. A very agile and complete goalkeeper, retaining her position as State goalie since 1974. Picked in Australian squad 1977. Home team Richmond.

KAREN DELVES, aged 20. State player since 1975. A solid and aggressive defender who hates to be beaten. Vice-captain. Home team Waverley.

CONNIE SOLDATOS, aged 19. An experienced and dependable defender with exceptional team spirit. First year in State squad but obviously not the last. Home team Greensborough.

KAREN HUME, aged 18. Nicknamed "Tiger" for her tenacity. An enthusiastic and very reliable defender. State player since 1974. Home team Dandenong North.

JANETTE MELVIN, aged 27. State player since 1974. Selected in Australian squad 1975, 76, 77. Has complete soccer ability. Captain of Victoria. Home team Greensborough.

ANDREA MARTIN, aged 19. State player since 1974. Selected in Australian squad 1975, 76, 77. Feared by all other States for her abilities. Has a powerful shot. Home team Greensborough.

MARGARET ROY, aged 25. State player since 1975. Competent, consistent player. Constructive in midfield. Had been suffering an injury. Home team Waverley.

SHONA BASS, aged 19. Phys Ed student at Preston Institute. State player since 1974. Selected Australian squad 1977. Improving every season and developing into complete soccer player. Home team Greensborough.

CHERYL ELVEY, aged 19. Second year in State team. Transferred from country team to Melbourne to gain experience and becoming very competent. Home team Greensborough.

BEVERLEY HUBBARD, aged 26. State player since 1974. A speedy, experienced forward also carrying injury but still playing well. Home team Waverley.

GAIL MCQUARRIE, aged 17. State player since 1977. Her small stature gives no indication of her eagerness and energetic ability. Home team Dandenong North.

MARGARET RUST, aged 18. State player since 1975 who has improved into a fast, enthusiastic left winger with an eye for goals. Home team Dandenong North.

HAZEL DONOVAN, aged 28. State player since 1974 (missing 1975 for birth of son). A remarkable ball player with many skills. Home team Green Gully.

MIMI SOLIORA, aged 26. Another first-timer for State honors with good ball control and positional sense. Home team Green Gully.

VIVIANE DERRY, aged 26. A capable, steady defender, again a first-timer. Home team Green Gully.

CHRISTINE HOLMES, Third year as State player. A defender with a strong boot and keen attitude. Home team Broadmeadows.

THERESA JONES, aged 15, youngest player, first time for State. A competent and able defender of goals for her home team, also able to play on the field. Home team Dandenong North.

ROS THOMPSON was selected for State for the first time but received bad injury (broken ankle) thus losing her place. However, her keen, enthusiastic attitude makes her a useful asset. Home team Waverley.

Philips League Club Directory

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G.P.O. BOX 1262L, ADELAIDE, 5001

SECRETARY: Carmine Picorello (08) 337 0241

COACH: Les Sheinflug.

GROUND: Olympic Sports Field, Kensington.
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COLOURS: Black & White



BRISBANE LIONS

15 DELPHINUS ST., INALA, QLD. 4077

SECRETARY: Simon Boeqheim, (07) 372 2891

COACH: G. Vincze

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne.
(07) 52 5328

COLORS: All Orange with Blue Stripe.

SPONSOR: Kentucky Fried Chicken



BRISBANE CITY

P.O. Box 265 Broadway, Brisbane 4001

Club Phone 356 8834

SECRETARY: G. Canale bus (07) 52 4711

COACH: B. Truman

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd, Mayne.

SPONSOR: Alitalia Airlines



CANBERRA CITY

P.O. Box 910, Canberra City 2600

SECRETARY: David Dillon 48 8917 (W)
54 1787 (L)

COACH: J. Warren.

GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce.

SPONSOR: BRIAN POLLOCK Ford



EASTERN SUBURBS HAKOAH

61 HALL ST., BONDI, N.S.W.

SECRETARY: H. K. Lakmaker, 30 3344 (mornings)
663 4576 (afternoons)

COACH: Gerry Chaldi

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P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182

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SPONSOR:



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CONTESTANT IN MISS ALEXANDER QUEST 1978

NAME: Ourania Giorgines

AGE: 16

PLACE OF BIRTH: Melbourne

OCCUPATION: Student at Lalor High School.

HOBBIES: Soccer, stamp collecting, sports in general, shell collecting

SPONSORED BY: Andorra Lingerie 9-13 Tinning St, Brunswick.
For further enquiries about the Quest ring Mrs Polly Mazaria: 560 4853 or Mr Spyros Rombotis: 489 9849 or 478 8113. Miss Alexander Quest judging will take place November 25th at New Palais Ballroom.

SECRETARY: S. Karanikolopoulos (03) 41 3048

COACH: J. Margaritis

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St., Melbourne (03) 42 0642

COLORS: Black & Gold

SPONSOR: Goldair Travel



MARCONI

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176

SECRETARY: V. Morizzi, Bus. (02) 72 2433

COACH: R. Rasic

GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd., Bossley Park

SPONSOR: Rosso Antico



NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

4 NORTHWOOD ST., ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, N.S.W., 2289

SECRETARY: P. Trisley, Bus. (049) 24930 (049) 26 2433

COACH: A. Vest

GROUND: International Sports Centre, Turton Rd.,
New Lambton. Ph (049) 52 1224

SPONSOR: Tooth & Co., Brewers of KB Beer

This week's match: v. WESTERN SUBURBS in Philips Cup at International Sports Centre (Newcastle) on Sunday at 3 p.m.



ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIAN AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.

SECRETARY: S. Boqnar, Bus. (02) 630 2744

COACH: J. Vlasits.

GROUND: Barton Park, Rockdale

COLORS: White, Red & Green



SOUTH MELBOURNE

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General Manager: Mike Whitewood.
(Bus.) 94 5048, 94 5462 (After Hours)
309 4079

MANAGER/COACH: D. McLaren

GROUND: Middle Park, Aughtie Drive,
Middle Park.

COLORS: Blue and white.



NAME: Gina Athanasiadis

AGE: 16

PLACE OF BIRTH: Melbourne.

OCCUPATION: Student.

HOBBIES: Has been dancing for eight years, enjoys cooking, plays soccer for South Melbourne Hellas Women's soccer team.

SPONSOR: Parents

For further enquiries ring Mrs Lucy Farmakis Tel No. 429 2855 - 91 6791, or Mr Denis Kallinikos, 699 4547.

Miss Hellas quest judging December 8 at Southern Cross Hotel.

This week's match: v. MARCONI in semi-final at Middle Park (Melbourne) on Sunday at 3 p.m.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

BOX A181

SYDNEY SOUTH, N.S.W., 2000

SECRETARY: N. Smilas, Bus. (02) 72 0661

COACH: J. Marston

GROUND: Erskineville Oval, Mitchell Rd., Erskineville

SPONSOR: Patra Fruit Juices



WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001

SECRETARY: D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 227 4311
J. Adam

GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St., Hindmarsh

COLORS: Blue and white.



This week's match: v. EASTERN SUBURBS in semi-final at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) on Sunday at 3 p.m.

WESTERN SUBURBS

4 WILLIAM ST., FIVE DOCK, N.S.W., 2046

SECRETARY: G. Stratford, Bus. (02) 713 8672

COACH: M. Laing

GROUND: Englefield Stadium, Jenner Rd., Dural

COLORS: Black & White

